

CHAPTER 2

INSPECTION OF SHIPLOTS, UNIT TRAINS, AND LASH BARGES

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2.1
INTRODUCTION

This chapter establishes procedures for inspecting bulk grain loaded to or unloaded from ships, unit trains, and lash barges as single lots in accordance with section 800.86 of the regulations under the United States Grain Standards Act. Sacked grain is inspected according to procedures found in FGIS Instruction 918-41, Sacked Grain. Sacked grain lots inspected online (inspected prior to or during the sacking operation) are inspected according to the procedures in this chapter.

The inspection procedure set forth in this chapter represents an online acceptance sampling plan that provides continuous quality information with the objective of obtaining a consistent minimum quality throughout the lot. This is achieved by using statistically based tolerances which accept occasional portions of a lot that, due to known sampling and grading variations, may grade below the desired lot quality. There is no limit to the amount of better quality grain permitted in a lot.

The grade of a lot informs the buyer of the overall or average quality of a lot. The applicant for inspection indicates the contracted lot quality in a load order document submitted to inspection personnel prior to loading. Although the grade on portions of a lot may fluctuate above or below the indicated grade, the average quality of all factors in the certificated lot must meet or be of better quality than that stated in the load order document once loading or unloading is completed.

The inspection process requires continuous sampling during loading or unloading. The grain sampled is accumulated in a systematic process and is examined at periodic intervals; (1) subsamples, (2) component samples, and (3) subplot samples. Subsamples represent up to 5,000 bushels. Several subsamples are combined to form a component sample which represents a minimum of approximately 10,000 bushels for ships and lash barges. For unit trains, each railcar is considered a component. Component samples are combined to form a subplot sample, which may represent as much as 60,000 bushels for ships and lash barges or 5 cars in a unit train. Ship subplot samples may represent as much as 120,000 bushels if component sample analysis is requested as an optional inspection service.

Each subsample, component sample, and subplot sample is analyzed for specific quality criteria in accordance with the Official U.S. Standards for Grain and the sales

contract. Any grain not meeting required quality levels is declared a "material portion" and separately certificated. All grain meeting the quality requirements is certificated as a single lot based on the combined average of the subplot results.

2.2
LOAD ORDER
DOCUMENT

A. General. Prior to loading or unloading, the applicant for inspection must provide a load order document to official inspection personnel which reflects the contract requirements for quality and quantity. The load order document must reflect the same quality and condition factors contained in the sales contract. Specifically, the document must declare: (1) the exact grade and the percent moisture and dockage, when applicable; (2) the approximate quantity of grain in the lot; (3) the subplot size; (4) "Option 1" or "Option 2" certification or the term "or better"; (5) the specified protein and/or oil information, when applicable; (6) any special requirements, such as aflatoxin, TCK smut, ergot, falling number, zero infestation, or other maximum or minimum limits for factor determinations; and (7) any other specific requirements needed to fulfill contract requirements. The individual issuing the load order must sign the document.

A load order grade is not required prior to loading if the applicant either does not know the exact grade to be loaded or plans to load grain of different quality without cutoffs or separations (i.e. barge-to-ship operations). When a load order grade is not declared, the lot is certificated to the best, uniform grade. If the lot is not uniform for any grade, combine the sublots of the same grade and certificate them together as individual lots. Certification requirements are discussed in chapter 3.

Load order requirements may be changed by the applicant after official personnel receive a load order provided the contract was amended to reflect the new requirements. When a contract is amended, a revised load order document is required. Official personnel may request a copy of the amended contract or confirmation of sale as verification if a load order requirement is revised after loading begins.

B. Establishing Sublot Size. The size of the subplot determines the frequency at which subplot samples are examined by inspection personnel. The number and size of sublots in a lot are dependent on certain restrictions. The applicant may establish the subplot size best suited for the size of the lot, the quality control of the elevator, and efficiency of inspection. Sublot restrictions are listed in the adjoining table. Applicants may not request a change to the subplot size once the subplot size is established and loading begins.

SUBLOT RESTRICTIONS 1/

<u>Carrier</u>	<u>Lot Size</u>	<u>Minimum Number of Sublots</u>	<u>Maximum Size of Each Sublot</u>
Vessels and Lash Barges	60,000 bu. or less	1	-
	60,000 bu. to 120,000 bu.	2	60,000 bushels
	Over 120,000 bu.	3	60,000 bu. 2/
Unit Trains	Less than 200,000 bu. (Less than 50 cars)	2	5 cars
	200,000 bu. or more (50 cars or more)	5	10 cars

1/ Bushels, or the equivalent in tons or pounds, may be used interchangeably throughout this chapter.

2/ 120,000 bushels when component sample analysis is requested.

All sublots loaded, except for the last subplot in the lot, must be "reasonably uniform in size." That is, the largest sized subplot loaded shall not be more than 25 percent larger than the size of the smallest subplot.

The last sublot shall not amount to less than 5 percent of the average size of the sublots in the lot, unless after the final sublot is loaded aboard, the National Cargo Bureau (NCB) surveyor, port surveyor, stevedoring personnel, ship's captain, or other persons responsible for the security of the vessel indicates that more grain must be loaded for vessel security. The additional amount ordered is considered the last sublot and is graded accordingly.

C. Electing the Certification Option. Option 1 and Option 2 are two methods of certifying the grade of a lot. Under Option 1, the exact grade of the grain is shown on the certificate. Under Option 2, the lot is certificated as being equal to or better than the grade specified by the contract.

The applicant for inspection must select the certification option and indicate this choice on the load order document. Option 2 certification is used if the load order specifies "or better" as part of the load order grade or if Option 2 is specifically requested. The applicant may change the certification option at a later date, provided the certificates have not been issued or all of the original certificates are returned.

D. Declaring the Grade to be Loaded. The applicant shall use the following guidelines when declaring the grade to be loaded.

1. Declare the numerical grade consistent with the lowest quality factor limit established for the lot.

Example: A contract is signed for a shipment of U.S. No. 2 Dark Northern and/or Northern Spring wheat. The applicant requests certification under Option 2.

State the load order grade as "U.S. No. 2 or better Northern Spring wheat."

2. Include the phrase "or better" immediately following the numerical or sample grade designation for Option 2 certification. The "or better" designation is applicable to all numerical (except U.S. No. 1) and sample grades, subclasses (except Soft White wheat subclasses), special grades, special factor requirements, dockage, class Mixed wheat, Mixed corn, Mixed sorghum, Mixed soybeans, and Mixed grain.

3. Include special factor requirements which are more stringent than the declared numerical grade. Adjust the numerical grade designation on the load order document to correspond to the special factor requirements if special factor requirements are of a lower quality than the contracted numerical grade.

Example: The contract stipulates U.S. No. 2 or better Yellow soybeans, maximum 4.0 FM.

State the load order grade as: "U.S. No. 4 or better Yellow soybeans, maximum 4.0 percent FM, all other factors U.S. No. 2 Yellow soybeans."

NOTE: Special factor limits are used in determining uniformity, but are not shown on the grade line of an official certificate.

4. Request "No subplot to exceed" when applicable.

5. Declare any other official inspection or testing requirements needed to fulfill the sales contract.

E. Interpretation of Load Order Specifications.

1. Maximum, Minimum, and Average Limits. Load orders generally specify maximum or minimum limits as quality criteria. Inspection plan tolerances are applied to a specific factor if the load order indicates a maximum or minimum limit. Factors which do not have tolerances (e.g., sprout damage) must meet contract specifications for each subplot unless specifically designated otherwise (e.g., soybean oil and protein).

Load orders which specify a quality limit without the term "maximum" or "minimum" are treated as a maximum for factors having maximum limits (e.g. damaged kernels, foreign material, moisture) or as a minimum for factors having minimum limits (e.g., test weight per bushel, sound barley). Applicants must indicate on the load order wheat protein as a maximum, minimum, or average amount if a specific wheat protein level is shown on the load order. Wheat protein expressed as "ordinary" is considered as an average.

Some load orders express specific factor limits as "maximum average" or "average maximum." When factors are expressed this way or in similar ways, disregard the term "average" and consider the factor as a maximum limit. This also applies for factors expressed as a minimum.

Inspection plan tolerances are not used when average quality certification is requested. The load order must indicate "average", "average not more/less than" or "average not to exceed" if an applicant wants certification of average quality when a specific percentage or count is declared. The average quality of a factor is also certificated when a specific percentage is not declared on the load order (e.g., undeclared dockage, undeclared moisture) or wheat protein is expressed as "ordinary."

2. Range Limits. Some load orders specify a minimum limit as well as a maximum limit for factors to establish an acceptable range. Inspection plan tolerances are applied to both the minimum and maximum limits. Therefore, official personnel will use two factor columns for the single factor. One column is for the minimum limit and the other column is for the maximum limit. Cusum values are calculated for each column based on the inspection result.

3. "No Sublot to Exceed" Limits. Some load orders indicate that certain factors must be within a specified limit per sublot. If an applicant indicates this type of request on the load order, tolerances are not applied to the factor(s). A material portion occurs if the specific factor(s) exceeds the load order limit. This provision applies to the sublot result but not to component sample results.

4. Dockage Terms. Dockage is usually considered as a deductible amount from the weight of a lot. Some sales, however, limit the maximum amount of acceptable dockage in a shipment.

The following examples provide guidelines for applying maximum limits or average quality for commonly used dockage terms.

Examples of Dockage Terms

<u>Dockage Term</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>
All deductible	Average dockage
Clean basis	Average dockage
0.5% nondeductible	Average dockage
0.5% dockage	0.5% maximum
0.5% nondeductible, 0.8% maximum	0.8% maximum
0.8% maximum, clean basis	0.8% maximum
0.1% nondeductible, 0.1% maximum excess all deductible	Average dockage

5. Special Factor Requirements. Some load orders contain factor limitations which are not at the numerical grade limit. For example, a contract for U.S. No. 2 Yellow soybeans may contain a clause limiting the amount of foreign material to a maximum of 1.5 percent. The grade limit for foreign material in U.S. No. 2 soybeans is 2.0%. Any special factor requirements stated in the load order are considered the allowable grade limit for the lot. In the above example, 1.5 percent is the allowable limit for foreign material.

To apply the uniformity criteria for the inspection plan, official personnel must establish both the "more than one numerical grade" limit and a "breakpoint" limit. The "more than one grade" limit is used to determine uniformity between component samples (see section 2.3, B). The breakpoint limit is used to establish uniformity for subplot samples (see section 2.3, C).

The "more than one grade" limit is computed by determining the difference between the numerical grade encompassing the special factor limit and the next inferior grade and adding this difference to the special factor limit. For instance, a load order grade of U.S. No. 2 Yellow soybeans with a maximum of 1.5 percent foreign material is requested. The 1.5 percent foreign material is within the U.S. No. 2 grade limit. The difference between the foreign material grade limit for U.S. No. 2 (2.0 percent) and U.S. No. 3 (3.0 percent) is 1.0 percent. Add the 1.0 percent to the allowable limit which will yield the "more than one grade" limit of 2.5 percent.

The breakpoint for the grade factor is the same as that of the numerical grade which encompasses the factor limit. Using the same example, 1.5 percent foreign material is within the grade limit for U.S. No. 2 Yellow soybeans. The breakpoint for foreign material in U.S. No. 2 soybeans is 0.3. Thus the breakpoint for the special grade of 1.5 percent foreign material is also 0.3.

6. Metric Test Weight Requirements. Some contracts contain grain density requirements expressed as a minimum amount in kilograms per hectoliter. For example, a contract for U.S. No. 2 or better Hard Red Winter wheat may contain a clause which restricts the grain density to a minimum of 77 kilograms per hectoliter. In the above example, 77 kilograms per hectoliter (or it's pounds per bushel equivalent) is the allowable limit for grain density or test weight per bushel.

To apply the uniformity criteria for the inspection plan, official personnel must determine the equivalent value in pounds per bushel. Kilograms per hectoliter are converted to pounds per bushel by multiplying the kilogram per hectoliter limit by 0.777 and rounding the result to the nearest tenth of a pound per bushel. This pound per bushel figure is used as the load order limit.

Example:

$(77 \text{ kilograms per hectoliter}) \times (0.777) = 59.829 \text{ lbs/bu}$

Rounded minimum limit = 59.8 lbs/bu

The final certificate will show the average test weight (pounds per bushel) result using approved rounding and reporting procedures. Report the metric equivalent in the remarks section of the certificate based on the average test weight per bushel value before rounding.

Determine the kilograms per hectoliter by dividing the pounds per bushel average (average before rounding) by 0.777 and showing the results to the nearest tenth of a kilogram.

2.3
UNIFORMITY
CRITERIA

Samples (subsamples, component samples, and subplot samples) are continuously obtained and examined by official inspection personnel during the loading or unloading of shiplots, unit trains, or lash barges to determine uniformity. Official personnel are responsible for determining when subsamples, component samples, and subplot samples are analyzed.

A. Subsamples. Subsamples may represent up to 5,000 bushels of grain and are taken from each belt, mechanical sampler, moving stream of grain, etc., continuously throughout the loading or unloading of shiplots and lash barges. Subsamples are not applicable to unit trains.

Official inspection personnel examine each subsample for the factors heating, odor (sour, musty, or commercially objectionable foreign odor), distinctly low quality (DLQ), and other unusual conditions. If a subsample includes one or more of these conditions (unless the load order grade includes the condition), the grain represented by that subsample is declared a material portion. Cusum values are not recalculated and breakpoints are not reset when a subsample is declared a material portion. For material portion subsamples, official inspection personnel shall (1) Record the factor analysis information on the inspection log but not calculate cusum values and (2) carry forward the cusum values from the previous subplot.

If a subsample contains an exceptionally large amount of BCFM, FM, DKT, etc., as to cause the component sample to exceed the grade limit by more than one numerical grade, the applicant for inspection may reject and return the subsample. If an applicant elects to return a subsample, do not report any factor information on the inspection log. Instead, indicate the quantity of grain rejected and returned by the shipper's request.

B. Component Samples. Acceptable subsamples are combined to form a component sample. Component samples should be reasonably uniform in size during the loading or unloading operation. The minimum component sample size for shiplots and lash barges is approximately 10,000 bushels. Each railcar is considered a component sample when unit trains are inspected.

Official inspection personnel visually examine component samples to determine whether any factor exceeds the limits for the declared grade by more than one numerical grade. The more than one grade limit criteria does not apply to nonnumerical grading factors such as dockage, moisture, subclass, protein, oil, etc. Component samples are also examined for insect infestation, heating, odor, DLQ, and other unusual conditions.

Official inspection personnel combine component samples to form a subplot when all factors in the component samples are within the "one grade" limit or when the component is infested and the applicant decides to fumigate according to FGIS procedures. If a component sample does not appear to meet the inspection criteria, official personnel must analyze the component sample for the nonuniform factor. If the factor result(s) does not exceed the inspection criteria, do not record the factor result on the inspection log. The component sample is combined with other uniform component samples and graded as a subplot.

When a component sample factor result exceeds the grade limit by more than one numerical grade or contains a condition not included in the load order (i.e., heating, odor, DIQ, etc.) after the factor analysis, the grain represented by that component sample is declared a material portion.

If the applicant elects to remove the material portion from the lot, do not calculate cusum values for the component sample. If the applicant elects to leave the material portion on board the carrier and receive separate certificates, inspect the component as a subplot. Analyze all factors, record the results on the inspection log beneath the last subplot inspected, and calculate cusum values.

Upon request, official inspection personnel will inspect component samples for factors specified by the applicant provided sufficient advance notice is given. Inspection procedures for the requested component sample analysis are found in section 2.6.

C. Sublot Samples. Component samples not designated as a material portion are combined with other uniform component samples in the order that sampling was completed to form a subplot sample. Official inspection personnel may combine more than two shipping bins to form a subplot as long as the combination does not exceed the maximum allowable subplot size and they are combined in the order in which they are filled. A shipping bin is considered filled when loading to the bin ceases and another bin begins filling. Official inspection personnel are responsible for determining when each subplot is completed and graded.

Official inspection personnel must proportionately combine grain when sublots are formed from different sources in order for the sample to accurately represent the subplot. Official personnel must also obtain enough sample to maintain an unworked file sample after completing the original inspection and any subsequent review inspections on material portions. Review inspections of material portions are performed on unworked samples.

Each subplot sample is analyzed for all factors and results are recorded on the inspection log. The results of the subplot analysis are used to calculate each factor's cusum value. A subplot is designated a material portion if any factor has a cusum value which exceeds the allowable breakpoint or the subplot is U.S. Sample grade. A subplot is also designated a material portion if a factor result exceeds the load order limit when the contract specifies the subplot factor result cannot exceed the specified limit. If a subplot is designated a material portion, all components that comprise the subplot are included in the material portion.

2.4
GENERAL
PROCEDURES

The inspection plan for shiplots, lash barges, and unit trains involves the comparison of the accumulated differences between inspection results and the grade limit or contracted limit. To determine if a lot of grain is uniform, it is necessary to calculate a cusum value for each factor in all sublots. When any factor's cusum value exceeds its breakpoint, a material portion is declared.

NOTE: To further illustrate the inspection plan procedure, a series of examples is included in this chapter which demonstrates an inspection under this plan.

The series of examples is based on a load order grade of U.S. No. 2 Yellow soybeans. Cusum values are calculated for three factors: Test weight per bushel (TW), Damaged kernels (DKT), and Foreign material (FM). In addition, a completed log coinciding with the examples is shown as Attachment 1.

A. Preparing the Inspection Log. Immediately below each factor heading is a box for recording the grade limit, breakpoint, and starting value. (See Figure 1.) Each factor column is divided into two portions: the left side for recording the factor inspection result; the right side for recording the factor cusum value.

Figure 1. Inspection Log Factor Column

SUBLOT NO.	FM	
	GRADE LIMIT	BREAKPOINT STARTING VALUE
	FACTOR RESULT COLUMN ↓	CUSUM COLUMN ↓

Prior to loading, the inspector records the grade limit, breakpoint, and starting value on the inspection log for each factor examined. (See Figure 2.) Tables 1-24 contain grade limits and breakpoints for all grains. A starting value is needed for each grading factor examined during loading. Starting values are based on breakpoints. To find the proper starting value for a given factor, first determine the breakpoint for that factor then find the corresponding starting value from Table 28. Breakpoints and starting values for factors with minimum limits are recorded as negative figures.

Figure 2. Recording grade limits, breakpoints, and starting values on the inspection log.

SUBLOT NO.	TW		DKT		FM	
	54.0	-0.4 ↓ .1	3.0	0.9 ↓ .3	2.0	0.3 ↓ .1

Inspection personnel must consider the rounding requirements for certain factors when recording the grade limit on the inspection log. For instance, fractions of a percent are added to the grade limit for maximum limit factors which disregard a fraction when rounding.

Example:

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Load Order Grade</u>	<u>Grade Limit on Log</u>
Soybean Splits	U.S. No. 2 (20% maximum)	20.9
Wheat Subclass	Dark Northern Spring (75% minimum)	74.5

*

B. Recording Sublot Factor Results. The inspector records each factor result in the appropriate factor column on the inspection log after grading the sublot. Round and record results to the same number of decimal places as its corresponding breakpoint. (See Figure 3.) Factors which have fractions disregarded are recorded on the inspection log without rounding.

Example:

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Inspection Result</u>	<u>Recorded Result</u>
Soybean Foreign material	1.96	2.0
Soybean Splits	12.28	12.2
Sorghum Dockage	0.779	0.77
Soybean Test weight	56.47	56.4
Wheat Test weight	58.26	58.3

*

Figure 3. Recording subplot factor results on the inspection log.

SUBLOT NO.	TW		DKT		FM	
	54.0	-0.4 .1	3.0	0.9 .3	2.0	0.3 .1
1	55.1		2.9		2.0	

C. Computing Cusum Values. A cusum value is calculated for each factor for every subplot inspected and for every component declared a material portion which is not removed from the lot. Cusum values are not calculated on:

1. Subsamples,
2. Grain returned to the elevator before a subplot is designated by inspection personnel, or
3. A subplot is inspected and found acceptable under the inspection plan, but the elevator elects to return the subplot to reduce the cusum values.

The following table summarizes when cusum values are calculated and recorded on the inspection log.

RECORDING CUSUM VALUES

SAMPLE BASIS	MATERIAL PORTION		ACCEPTABLE	
	RETURNED	ONBOARD	RETURNED	ONBOARD
SUBLOT	*	*		*
COMPONENT		*		
SUBSAMPLE				

* Denotes cusum values are calculated and recorded on log.

Calculate the cusum values as follows:

Step 1. Determine the factor deviation by subtracting the grade limit, as determined by the declared grade, from the inspection result.

Example:

(Inspection result) minus (grade limit) = (deviation)

$$3.1 \text{ minus } 3.0 = +0.1$$

$$2.9 \text{ minus } 3.0 = -0.1$$

Step 2. Add the factor deviation to the previous cusum value. For the first subplot, add the factor deviation to the starting value.

Example:

(Factor deviation) plus (previous cusum or starting value) = (new cusum value for that factor)

$$+0.1 \text{ plus } +0.3 = +0.4$$

$$-0.1 \text{ plus } +0.3 = +0.2$$

Cusum values for factors listed as "maximum limits" (e.g., FM, DKT, DEF, CCL, WOCL, etc.) are never less than zero. When the total from Step 2 is a positive number, record the total as that factor's cusum value. When the total from Step 2 is a negative number, record the cusum value as "0." It is not necessary to continually record "0" cusum values on the inspection log as long as a factor's cusum value remains at zero.

Cusum values for factors listed as "minimum limits" (e.g., TW) are never greater than zero. When the total from Step 2 is a negative number, record the total as that factor's cusum value. It is not necessary to show the negative sign. When the total from Step 2 is a positive number, record the cusum value as "0." It is not necessary to continually record "0" cusum values on the inspection log as long as a factor's cusum value remains at zero.

Example: Calculate the cusum values for Sublot No. 1 when the factor deviation is added to the starting value.

Sublot No. 1	<u>TW</u>	<u>DKT</u>	<u>FM</u>
Factor result	55.1	2.9	2.0
<u>Subtract grade limit</u>	<u>54.0</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Factor deviation	+1.1	-0.1	0.0
<u>Add starting value</u>	<u>-0.1</u>	<u>+0.3</u>	<u>+0.1</u>
Total	+1.0	+0.2	+0.1
Cusum value	0	.2	.1

Record each cusum value in the appropriate factor column. (See Figure 4.)

Figure 4. Recording cusum values for first subplot.

SUBLOT NO.	TW		DKT		FM	
	54.0	-0.4 0.1	3.0	0.9 0.3	2.0	0.3 0.1
1	55.1	0	2.9	.2	2.0	.1

Example: Calculate the cusum values for Sublot No. 2 when the factor deviation is added to that factor's previous cusum value.

Sublot No. 2	<u>TW</u>	<u>DKT</u>	<u>FM</u>
Factor result	53.8	2.7	2.2
<u>Subtract grade limit</u>	<u>54.0</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Factor deviation	-0.2	-0.3	+0.2
<u>Add cusum value from preceding subplot</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>+0.2</u>	<u>+0.1</u>
Total	-0.2	-0.1	+0.3
New cusum value	-.2	0	.3

Record each cusum value under the appropriate factor's cusum column. (See Figure 5.)

Figure 5. Recording cusum values for subsequent sublots.

SUBLOT NO.	TW		DKT		FM	
	54.0	-0.4 .1	3.0	0.9 .3	2.0	0.3 .1
1	55.1	0	2.9	.2	2.0	.1
2	53.8	-1.2	2.7	0	2.2	.3

In all subsequent sublots, calculate each factor's cusum value in the same manner as in the above example. Starting values are only used to determine cusum values on the first sublot.

D. Declaring a Material Portion. When a subsample exceeds acceptable quality conditions, a component is more than one numerical grade lower than the declared load order grade, or a subplot factor result causes the cusum value to exceed its breakpoint, the subsample/component/sublot is declared a material portion. Only the subsample/component/sublot that exceeds the inspection plan criteria is considered the material portion.

Once a subsample is designated a material portion and the applicant elects to leave the subsample on board the carrier, it is considered as a separate lot and all factors are analyzed. If the material portion subsample is removed from the lot (returned to the elevator or discharged from the carrier), record the factor result for the degrading factor. In either instance, do not calculate cusum values for the material portion subsample.

Whenever a breakpoint is exceeded, the cusum value for that factor is reset to the breakpoint value. Reset the cusum value by recording the breakpoint value below the diagonal line drawn through the cusum column for each factor which exceeded its breakpoint. Do not reset the cusum value for factors that did not exceed the breakpoint. (See Figure 7.)

Figure 7. Resetting the cusum value to the breakpoint.

SUBLOT NO.	TW		DET		FM	
	54.0	-0.4 .<1	3.0	0.9 .<3	2.0	0.3 .<1
1	55.1	0	2.9	.2	2.0	.1
2	53.8	-.2	2.7	0	2.2	.3
3 MP-1	54.7	0	3.7	.7	2.2	.5 .<3

The reset cusum value(s) and the cusum values for the factors that did not exceed the breakpoint are used to determine the cusum values for the next subplot. Identify the next subplot with the same number that would otherwise have been assigned to the material portion subplot. (See Figure 8.)

Figure 8. Sublot following a material portion.

SUBLOT NO.	TW		DKT		FM	
	54.0	$\begin{smallmatrix} -0.4 \\ .1 \end{smallmatrix}$	3.0	$\begin{smallmatrix} 0.9 \\ .3 \end{smallmatrix}$	2.0	$\begin{smallmatrix} 0.3 \\ .1 \end{smallmatrix}$
1	55.1	0	2.9	.2	2.0	.1
2	53.8	-.2	2.7	0	2.2	.3
2 MP-1	54.7	0	3.7	.7	2.2	$\begin{smallmatrix} .5 \\ .3 \end{smallmatrix}$
3	53.9	-.1	2.2	0	1.8	.1

E. Holding Grain in Shipping Bins. Occasionally, extra grain is elevated, graded, and held in a shipping bin at the end of loading. When this occurs, a shipping bin can be held over for a subsequent shipment, provided that the next lot is for the same or lower quality grade and loading begins within 88 hours of the inspection. If a portion of a completed and graded shipping bin is loaded aboard the carrier, do not use the remainder of the shipping bin towards the different lot. The partial bin must be returned to the elevator.

If a sublot is comprised of two or more shipping bins and only one bin is loaded aboard the carrier, the final sublot grade is that of the grain sample representing the single bin loaded if the shipping bins contain different qualities. Official personnel should alert the shipper that this inspection will occur before grain in the bin is released to the carrier.

2.5 REVIEW INSPECTIONS

Applicants may request review inspections (reinspection, appeal inspection, Board appeal inspection) of a material portion sublot or of the entire lot. Review inspection procedures depend on the kind of request received.

Review inspections are not permitted on sublots that are not material portions (i.e., inspection results over the load order limit but within the breakpoint). Applicants may request a review of the entire lot.

A. Review Inspection of a Material Portion. When a review inspection is requested on a material portion (subsample, component or sublot), only one field review is permitted (i.e., reinspection or appeal inspection).

In addition to limiting the number of field review inspections, field review inspection results for each factor analyzed are compared to the original inspection results to determine if a material error exists. A material error is defined as any change in inspection results in excess of two standard deviations.

If a material error exists, the field review inspection result will replace the original inspection result. If a material error does not exist, the factor results are averaged. Factors which are not expressed numerically (i.e., odor) are replaced by the determination made during the last review.

Averaging review results with previous results also applies to Board appeal inspections. The Board appeal inspection result is compared to the previous subplot inspection result recorded on the log (average of original/field review result or field review result replacing the original result) to determine if a material error exists.

Inspection results are compared on a factor basis. Therefore, some factors are averaged when other factors are replaced. FGIS will use tables as the basis for determining when a material error occurs. Table 29 lists the allowable differences for factors having breakpoints. Table 30 lists the allowable difference for factors not having breakpoints.

A review inspection result is averaged with the previous inspection result when the difference does not exceed the allowable difference listed in Tables 29 or 30. A review inspection result replaces the previous inspection result when the difference exceeds the value in Table 29 or 30.

When a review inspection is requested, the previous inspection results are lined out on the inspection log with a note in the remarks section that the applicant requested a review inspection. Results of the review inspection are recorded on a work record (remarks section of the inspection log, pan ticket, or similar record) then compared to the previous results to determine what factors are averaged or replaced. The final results (averaged or replaced) are recorded on the inspection log.

and cusum values are recalculated for the subplot. It is necessary to record the review inspection results on a work record in order to verify if correct procedures were followed when determining which factors are averaged or replaced or if a subsequent review of the entire lot is requested.

Example: Determine which review inspection results are averaged with the original results and which replace the original results.

Sublot MP 1	<u>TW</u>	<u>DKT</u>	<u>FM</u>
Original Inspection	54.7	3.7	2.2
<u>Review Inspection</u>	<u>54.0</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Inspection difference	-0.7	-1.3	-0.2
Allowable difference (from Table 29)	+/-0.5	+/-1.2	+/-0.4
Factor difference exceeds allowable difference	YES	YES	NO
Average or Replace results	Replace	Replace	Average
Results shown on log	54.0	2.4	2.1

When a field review inspection (reinspection or appeal inspection) is requested on a material portion, official personnel will:

1. Draw a line through the previous inspection results of the subplot under review. Include a notation in the remarks section of the inspection log that the applicant requested a field review inspection (specify type as "REX" or "APPEAL").

2. Record the field review inspection results on the inspection log. Do not calculate cusum values for these results.

3. Based on the field review results, determine which factors are averaged and which factor results are replaced.

4. Record the averaged/replaced factor results in the factor columns on the inspection log. Draw a line through the field review results so only the averaged/replaced factor results are used to calculate new cusum values.

5. Reidentify the subplot by including a notation of the type of review with its corresponding subplot number.

6. Recalculate the cusum values for the material portion subplot to determine if the material portion designation is removed.

7. Reidentify the subplot as a material portion (MP #1, etc.) if a cusum value exceeds the breakpoint value. (See Figure 9.)

Figure 9. Recording review inspection results on the inspection log.

SUBLOT NO.	TW		DKT		FM		REMARKS
	54.0	-0.4 1	3.0	0.9 3	2.0	0.3 1	
1	55.1	0	2.9	.2	2.0	.1	
2	53.8	-1.2	2.7	0	2.2	.3	
MP-1	54.7	0	3.7	.7	2.2	.5 .3	APPLICANT REQUESTS FIELD REVIEW (REX) OF MP-1
FIELD REVIEW MP-1	54.0	—	2.4	—	2.0	—	
REX MP-1	54.0	-1.2	2.4	0	2.1	.4 .3	FIELD REVIEW DOES NOT ELIMINATE MP, APPLICANT ELECTS TO DISCHARGE MP-1.
3	53.9	-1.3	2.2	0	1.8	.1	

If a material portion is not removed from the lot, draw a circle around the factor results on the inspection log. If a material portion is removed from the lot, draw a line through the factor results on the inspection log.

When the results of the review inspection eliminate a material portion, do not issue inspection certificates for the reviewed material portions unless they are requested by the applicant or deemed necessary by inspection personnel. When certificates are requested or deemed necessary, show the following statement in the remarks section:

"The results shown on this certificate replaced the results shown on the inspection log for the above identified subplot loaded aboard the (name of carrier), dated (date), and were included in the average of the lot. This certificate is not valid for trading purposes."

When a component material portion is eliminated by the review inspection results, official personnel will combine the component with other acceptable components to form a subplot.

If the field review does not eliminate the material portion, the applicant for inspection has the option of (1) requesting a Board appeal inspection of the material portion; (2) discharging the material portion; (3) requesting a review inspection of the entire lot; or (4) allowing the material portion to remain on board.

Agencies must alert their respective field office when a Board appeal inspection is requested so that immediate arrangements for service may be made.

When the results of the review inspection do not eliminate the material portion, do not issue an inspection certificate unless the material portion remains on board. Certificate discharged and returned sublots when requested by the applicant or deemed necessary by official personnel.

B. Review Inspection of an Entire Lot. When a review inspection is requested on the entire lot, the review inspection results replace the previous results and are placed on a new inspection log noting the level of inspection. A reinspection, an appeal inspection, and a Board appeal inspection are permitted when the entire lot is reviewed.

All sublots offered for inspection (loaded or returned/discharged) are included in the review. The entire lot is reviewed at the same level (reinspection, appeal, Board appeal). For example, an applicant

previously appealed (field review) a material portion subplot and the results did not remove the material portion designation. If the applicant wants to review the entire lot, it must be at the appeal inspection level because at least one subplot was reviewed at the appeal inspection level. When the applicant appeals the entire lot, the material portion inspection results used to determine if the results are averaged or replaced are used instead of analyzing the sample again. Review inspection results are not averaged with previous results when the entire lot is reviewed.

The tolerances of the inspection plan are reapplied to the review inspection results to determine if any material portions are observed. Material portions are certificated accordingly. The applicant may request the next level of inspection for the entire lot in order to eliminate a material portion designation.

2.6 COMPONENT INSPECTIONS

A. General. Applicants may request the analysis of selected factors on a component sample basis during loading. Component inspection results are averaged to obtain a subplot inspection value. Factors not analyzed on the component sample basis are analyzed on a subplot sample basis. In order to arrange for inspection personnel to provide the requested service, official personnel must receive this request as early as possible prior to loading. Once loading begins, the applicant is not permitted to change the factor(s) analyzed on a component sample basis or withdraw the request for component analysis.

B. Sampling Criteria. When component sample analysis is requested, a minimum of three component samples are analyzed. The maximum number of component samples analyzed is five. In order not to delay loading, applicants may request a subplot size larger than the normal 60,000 bushel maximum limit. Sublots must not exceed 120,000 bushels.

C. Assigning Breakpoints. The breakpoint values assigned to the factors analyzed on a component sample basis are adjusted to reflect the reduced variability associated with the subplot result. The breakpoint value is dependent on the number of component samples analyzed as part of the subplot. The breakpoint value for the subplot reduces as the number of component samples increase.

Tables 25, 26, and 27 are used to determine the reduced breakpoint value when component analysis is requested. Determine the reduced breakpoint as follows:

1. Determine the number of component samples in a subplot.
2. Determine the normal breakpoint value (from Tables 1 - 24) for the factor(s) analyzed.
3. Locate the normal breakpoint value in Tables 25 - 27 and find the reduced breakpoint value corresponding to the number of component samples analyzed per subplot.
4. Use the corresponding reduced breakpoint value as the inspection plan tolerance for that factor.

Example: An applicant requests component analysis for foreign material for U.S. No. 2 or better Yellow soybeans.

Step 1. Official personnel will inspect four components for each subplot.

Step 2. The normal breakpoint value for the factor is 0.3. (From Table 17)

Step 3. The corresponding reduced breakpoint value when four components are analyzed is 0.2. (From Table 25)

Step 4. Record 0.2 on the inspection log as the breakpoint value.

Some factors are based on the sum of the results of other factors (e.g. defects in wheat). Apply a reduced breakpoint value to these factors when 50 percent or more of the factors needed to obtain this result are determined on a component sample basis. For example, if shrunken and broken kernels and damaged kernels are determined on a component sample basis and foreign

material is determined on a subplot basis for a wheat shipment, a reduced breakpoint is used for the factors shrunken and broken kernels, damaged kernels, and defects. The normal breakpoint is used for foreign material.

D. Recording Results. Official personnel may record component sample results on the same inspection log as the subplot results or on a separate log. The subplot result (average of the component results) for the factor(s) is recorded on the same log as the other subplot inspection results. If a separate log is used for the component sample results, maintain this log with the official inspection log.

When recording component sample results, official personnel must identify which inspection result is for which component.

E. Declaring Material Portions. Material portions occur whenever a component sample inspection result exceeds the more than one grade limit uniformity requirement for component samples (refer to section 2.3, B) or the average of the component results cause the cusum value to exceed the reduced breakpoint value.

Procedures for recording cusum values on the inspection log are discussed in section 2.4, D.

F. Review Inspections. When a material portion occurs, the applicant is entitled to one field review (reinspection or appeal inspection) and a Board appeal inspection in an attempt to remove the material portion designation. As discussed in section 2.5, review results are compared to the previous results to determine if a material error exists which determines if the results are averaged or replaced. Procedures for determining when and how to average inspection results are dependent on the type of material portion observed.

1. Component is a Material Portion. When the component exceeds the more than one grade limit uniformity requirement, only that component is reviewed. Initiate the review inspection with a factor analysis of the degrading factor.

Determine if the review inspection result is averaged with the previous inspection result or if it replaces it. Use the normal breakpoint value (from Tables 1 - 24) for the factor reviewed to determine the allowable difference for averaging (from Table 29). If the factor in question does not have a breakpoint, use Table 30 to determine the allowable difference. Average those results which are within the allowable difference. Replace those results which exceed the allowable difference.

Determine if the material portion designation is removed based on the review inspection action. Use the final result (averaged or replaced, which ever is applicable) to determine if the component is a material portion (more than one grade over the grade limit).

If the material portion is not eliminated, the applicant ; may request a Board appeal inspection, remove the material portion from the lot, or receive a separate certificate if it remains on board.

If the review inspection does not eliminate the material portion designation and the applicant elects to leave the component on board the carrier, it is considered as a separate lot and all factors are analyzed and cusum values calculated. If the material portion component is removed from the lot (returned to the elevator or discharged from the carrier), only a factor analysis of the degrading factor is necessary and cusum values are not calculated.

If the material portion is eliminated, use the final component result when determining the subplot average result.

2. Sublot is a Material Portion. When the subplot cusum value exceeds the breakpoint causing a material portion, all factors are reviewed and all components comprising that subplot are reviewed as part of the review inspection procedure. Only those factors which were previously determined on a component sample basis are review inspected on a component sample basis. All other factors are reviewed on a subplot basis.

The procedures for determining if the review component inspection results are averaged or replaced with the previous component inspection results do not apply when the subplot is a material portion and all components are reviewed. Official personnel will review all components for the applicable factor(s) then average the reviewed component results to obtain a subplot result.

Use the reduced breakpoint value for the factor analyzed on a component sample basis to find the corresponding allowable difference value in Table 29. Then determine if the average subplot result is averaged with the previous average subplot result.

Record the subplot results on the inspection log and recalculate cusum values as described in section 2.5. Determine if the material portion designation was eliminated based on the new cusum values. If the material portion was not eliminated, the applicant may request a Board appeal inspection, remove the subplot from the lot, or certificate it separately.

Official personnel must maintain a sufficient quantity of sample for each component involved in a material portion in order to provide for a review inspection on an unworked portion. After the material portion designation is eliminated, official personnel may dispose of the excess grain sample after saving an unworked file sample to represent the subplot.

3. Review Entire Lot. Official personnel are not responsible for maintaining a file sample for components which are part of an acceptable subplot. Therefore, if a request is received for a review inspection of the entire lot, the review inspection is completed on a subplot basis instead of a component sample basis because file samples are not available for the components. Review inspection results replace the previous results and the normal breakpoints are applied.

G. Returning Components. Official personnel may release component inspection information to the applicant as results are available. When a component is inspected and the results are released to the applicant, the acceptable component becomes part of the subplot.

An applicant may return a component to the elevator before inspection results are known or when it is designated as a material portion. Returning an acceptable component after inspection results are known and replacing it with another component adversely affects the overall operation of the inspection plan. Therefore, if an applicant returns an acceptable component after the inspection results are known, the entire subplot graded to that point must be returned. Failure to comply with this provision will result in official personnel not releasing subsequent component inspection information to the

2.7
DISPOSITION
OF MATERIAL
PORTIONS

applicant until the subplot is completed or a component is designated as a material portion. This restriction is applicable to the remainder of the lot and, at the field office manager's discretion, to future lots which have components inspected during loading.

A. Disposition Options. At the option of the applicant for inspection, any grain designated as a material portion may, in lieu of separate certification, be:

1. Returned to the elevator.
2. Fumigated in accordance with the Fumigation Handbook when the material portion is a result of "infested" grain.
3. Removed from a unit train line up.
4. Removed by discharging from the carrier.
5. Loaded to another lot for lower quality grain (not higher quality).

B. Loading a Material Portion to Another Lot. A material portion from one lot may be loaded as part of another lot in lieu of returning the material portion to the elevator provided sufficient information is available to complete the inspection and weighing functions of the other lot. This is permitted only when the original inspection results for the material portion subplot are within the load order grade limits of the other (second) lot. A material portion having results over the grade limit but within the inspection plan tolerances is not acceptable for loading to the other (second) lot.

This method of material portion disposition applies only to sublots designated as material portions and does not apply to components or subsamples.

When a material portion is loaded as part of another (second) lot, do not calculate cusum values for this subplot on the inspection log of the other (second) lot. Instead, carry forward the cusum values from the subplot recorded on the other (second) lot inspection log immediately before it. Include a note in the remarks section that the cusum values were carried forward because the subplot was a material portion intended for another lot. (See Figure 10.)

Figure 10. Recording cusum values when a material portion is loaded to another lot.

SUBLOT NO.	TW		DKT		FM		REMARKS
	52.0	-0.4 0.1	5.0	1.2 0.4	3.0	0.4 0.1	
1	54.0	0	5.2	.6	3.2	.3	
2	54.7	0	3.7	.6	2.2	.3	CUSUM VALUES BROUGHT FORWARD FOR SUBLOT 2 BECAUSE IT WAS A MP IN ANOTHER LOT.
3	54.0	0	4.8	.4	2.9	.2	

The inspection results and the cusum values for the material portion are recorded on the first lot according to procedures when a material portion occurs and is subsequently returned or removed.

C. Inspection Log Notations. Regardless of which option the applicant elects, the cusum value is reset back to the breakpoint value on the subplot factor whose cusum value exceeded the breakpoint. Do not reset the cusum values on the factors that did not exceed their breakpoints.

Indicate in the "Remarks" section of the inspection log what disposition option was selected by the applicant or if the material portion remained on the carrier. Draw a line through the component or subplot inspection results if the material portion is removed from the lot. Draw a circle around all factor results in the material portion if the applicant elects to leave the material portion on the carrier.

D. Issuing Certificates. It is not necessary for official personnel to issue inspection certificates for material portions removed from the lot unless they are requested by the applicant or deemed necessary by inspection personnel. If a certificate is requested or deemed necessary, an "out" or "local" inspection certificate is issued.

2.8
DETERMINING
MATHEMATICAL
OR WEIGHTED
AVERAGE

A. Determining Factor Averages for Sublots that are Uniform in Quality.

1. Mathematical Average. When a lot is composed of 10 or more sublots "reasonably uniform" 1/ in size, or any number of sublots "uniform" 2/ in size, a mathematical average is used to determine each factor in the following manner:

- a. Total each factor column recorded on the log.
- b. Record the sums in the appropriate space on the inspection log.
- c. Divide the sum of each factor column by the number of sublots in the lot. The quotient is the mathematical average for the factor.
- d. Record the mathematical average to one extra decimal place in the factor blocks termed "Average" located at the bottom of the inspection log.

When there are 10 or more sublots "reasonably uniform" in size, there is very little difference between the mathematical average and the weighted average results when no material portion is present. However, if it appears that the mathematical average will cause the grain in a lot to grade differently than the weighted average, use the weighted average procedure.

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- 1/ The largest sized subplot is not more than 25 percent larger than the size of the smallest (excluding the last subplot) in the lot.
 - 2/ The sublots are one standard size or within 1,000 bushels (or equivalent) of the standard.

2. Weighted Average. When a lot does not meet the criteria for using a mathematical average, compute the weighted average as follows:

a. Multiply each subplot factor result by the number of pounds (bushels, tons, or railcars, as applicable) represented by the subplot.

Example:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Factor</u>	<u>Product</u>
60,000	2.3	138,000
58,000	2.5	145,000
<u>42,000</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>117,600</u>
160,000		400,600

b. Total the products for each factor column.

c. Divide the sum of each factor column by the number of pounds (bushels, tons, or railcars, as applicable) in the lot. The quotient is the weighted average for the factor.

Example:
$$\frac{400,600}{160,000} = 2.50$$

d. Record the weighted average to one extra decimal place in the factor blocks termed "Average" located at the bottom of the inspection log.

B. Determining Factor Averages for Sublots that are Not Uniform in Quality. When a lot is not uniform in quality and is certified as two or more lots, the factor information is determined and recorded for each lot in accordance with the aforementioned procedures.

C. Rounding Procedures. Round the average factor result for each factor column as described in the applicable Official U.S. Standards for Grain or in the Grain Inspection Handbook, Book II. Record the results in the bottom portion of the log marked "Rounded Average" as they are to be certificated.

For factors expressed as counts, such as smut balls, round the average result to the nearest whole number. Record garlic bulblets in wholes and fractions of a third. When a fraction is something other than a third, disregard that fraction and use the third that is lower (e.g., 1-5/6 rounds to 1-2/3).

D. Adjustment of Factors. In certain cases, individual factors are combined in an end factor (e.g., damaged kernels, foreign material, and shrunken and broken kernels are mathematically combined to calculate total defects in wheat). The end factor is not obtained by averaging the subplot results for the end factor but is obtained by the addition of the average of the individual factor results. Occasionally, the rounded averages for the individual factors will not correspond to the rounded average of the end factor. When this occurs, it is necessary to adjust the rounded average results of one of the individual factors. Adjustments are made by subtracting or adding 0.1 to the rounded result of the individual factor result that is nearest a midpoint (e.g., .05, .15, .25, .35, etc.).

Example:

	<u>DKT</u>	<u>FM</u>	<u>SHBN</u>	<u>DEF</u>
Weighted Average	2.59	0.78	3.26	6.63
Rounded Average	2.6	0.8	3.3 - (6.7)	6.6
Adjustment	None	None	-0.1	
Adjusted Rounded Average	2.6	0.8	3.2	6.6

Since the sum of the rounded averages for DKT, FM, and SHBN (6.7) in the above example does not equal the rounded average for total defects (6.6), an adjustment of -0.1 is needed for the rounded average of one of the individual factors. The rounded average for SHBN (3.3) was adjusted downward to 3.2 because it was nearer a midpoint (.25) than the other factor averages.

When an adjustment in a combination factor is necessary, record the adjusted result on the inspection log directly below the rounded results and report the adjusted result on the inspection certificate.

2.9
FINAL GRADE

In addition to meeting the uniformity requirements of the inspection plan, the final rounded factor averages must be within the load order grade. If the final average indicates that the grade of the lot is inferior to the load order grade and no breakpoints were violated, the lot is certificated as separate lots according to the grade of the individual sublots.

2.10
TOLERANCE
TABLES

The following tables identify the breakpoints, starting values, and material error ranges for factors analyzed under this inspection plan.

**TABLE 1 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR
SIX-ROWED MALTING BARLEY AND SIX-ROWED BLUE MALTING BARLEY**

Grade	Minimum limits of-			Maximum limits of-					
	Test weight per bushel (pounds)	Suitable malting type (percent)	Sound barley 1/ (percent)	Damaged kernels 1/ (percent)	Foreign material (percent)	Other Grains (percent)	Skinned and broken kernels (percent)	Thin barley (percent)	
U.S. No. 1	GL BP 47.0 -0.5	GL BP 95.0 -1.3	GL BP 97.0 -1.0	GL BP 2.0 0.8	GL BP 0.5 0.1	GL BP 2.0 0.8	GL BP 4.0 1.1	GL BP 7.0 0.6	
U.S. No. 2	45.0 -0.5	95.0 -1.3	94.0 -1.4	3.0 0.9	1.0 0.4	3.0 0.9	6.0 1.4	10.0 0.9	
U.S. No. 3	43.0 -0.5	95.0 -1.3	90.0 -1.6	4.0 1.1	2.0 0.5	5.0 1.3	8.0 1.5	15.0 0.9	
U.S. No. 4	43.0 -0.5	95.0 -1.3	87.0 -1.9	5.0 1.3	3.0 0.6	5.0 1.3	10.0 1.6	15.0 0.9	

^{1/} Injured-by-frost kernels and injured-by-mold kernels are not considered damaged kernels or considered against sound barley.

**TABLE 2 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR
TWO-ROWED MALTING BARLEY**

Grade	Minimum limits of-			Maximum limits of-					
	Test weight per bushel (pounds)	Suitable malting types (percent)	Sound barley 1 (percent)	Wild oats (percent)	Foreign material (percent)	Skinned and broken kernels (percent)	Thin barley (percent)		
U.S. No. 1	GL BP 50.0 -0.5	GL BP 97.0 -1.0	GL BP 98.0 -0.8	GL BP 1.0 0.6	GL BP 0.5 0.1	GL BP 5.0 1.3	GL BP 5.0 0.4		
U.S. No. 2	48.0 -0.5	97.0 -1.0	98.0 -0.8	1.0 0.6	1.0 0.4	7.0 1.3	7.0 0.5		
U.S. No. 3	48.0 -0.5	95.0 -1.3	96.0 -1.1	2.0 0.8	2.0 0.5	10.0 1.8	10.0 0.9		
U.S. No. 4	48.0 -0.5	95.0 -1.3	93.0 -1.1	3.0 0.9	3.0 0.6	10.0 1.8	10.0 0.9		

^{1/} Injured-by-frost kernels and injured-by-mold kernels are not considered damaged kernels or considered against sound barley.

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TABLE 3 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR BARLEY

Grade	Minimum limits of-		Maximum limits of-								
	Test weight per bushel (pounds)	Sound barley (percent)	Damaged kernels 1/ (percent)		Heat-damaged kernels (percent)		Foreign material (percent)		Broken kernels (percent)		Thin barley (percent)
U.S. No. 1	GL BP 47.0 -0.5	GL BP 97.0 -1.1	GL BP 2.0 0.8		GL BP 0.2 0.1		GL BP 1.0 0.4		GL BP 4.0 1.0		GL BP 10.0 0.9
U.S. No. 2	45.0 -0.5	94.0 -1.4	4.0 1.0		0.3 0.1		2.0 0.4		8.0 1.5		15.0 0.9
U.S. No. 3	43.0 -0.5	90.0 -1.6	6.0 1.4		0.5 0.2		3.0 0.5		12.0 1.8		25.0 1.3
U.S. No. 4	40.0 -0.5	85.0 -2.2	8.0 1.5		1.0 0.5		4.0 0.5		18.0 1.8		35.0 1.9
U.S. No. 5	36.0 -0.5	75.0 -2.2	10.0 1.8		3.0 0.6		5.0 0.6		28.0 2.4		75.0 2.3

¹ Includes heat-damaged kernels. Injured-by-frost kernels and injured-by-mold kernels are not considered damaged kernels.

TABLE 4 - BREAKPOINTS FOR BARLEY SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade or Factor	Grade Limit	Breakpoint
Dockage	As specified by contract or load order	0.23
Two-rowed Barley	Not more than 10.0% ^{1/} of Six-rowed in Two-rowed	1.8
Six-rowed Barley	Not more than 10.0% ^{1/} of Two-rowed in Six-rowed	1.8
Malting (Blue Aleurone Layers)	Not less than 90.0%	-1.3
Malting (White Aleurone Layers)	Not less than 90.0%	-1.3
Smutty	More than 0.20%	0.06
Garlicky	3 or more in 500 grams	2-1/3
Ergoty	More than 0.10%	0.13
Infested	Same as standards	0
Blighted	More than 4.0%	1.1
Injured-by-Frost Kernels	Not more than 1.9%	0.1
Injured-by-Heat Kernels	Not more than 0.2%	0.04
Frost-damaged Kernels	Not more than 0.4%	0.05
Heat-damaged Kernels	Not more than 0.1%	0.1
Other Grains	Not more than 25.0%	2.4
Moisture	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.5

^{1/} Use 10.4 as the grade limit due to reporting requirements.

Table 5 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR CORN

Grade	Minimum test weight per bushel		Maximum limits of-					
			Damaged kernels					
			Heat- damaged kernels		Total		Broken corn and foreign material	
	(pounds)		(percent)		(percent)		(percent)	
	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP
U.S. No. 1	56.0	-0.4	0.1	0.1	3.0	1.0	2.0	0.2
U.S. No. 2	54.0	-0.4	0.2	0.2	5.0	1.3	3.0	0.3
U.S. No. 3	52.0	-0.4	0.5	0.3	7.0	1.5	4.0	0.3
U.S. No. 4	49.0	-0.4	1.0	0.5	10.0	1.8	5.0	0.4
U.S. No. 5	46.0	-0.4	3.0	0.9	15.0	2.1	7.0	0.4

Table 6 - BREAKPOINTS FOR CORN SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade or Factor	Grade Limit	Breakpoint
Flint	95% or more of <u>1/</u> flint corn	-1.0
Flint and Dent	More than 5%, <u>2/</u> but less than 95% of flint corn	1.0 or -1.0
Infested	Same as standards	0
Corn of other colors:		
White	Not more than 2.0%	0.8
Yellow	Not more than 5.0%	1.0
Waxy	95% or more	-3.0
High BCFM	As specified by contract or load order grade	10% of the load order grade
Moisture	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.4

1/ Use 94.5 as the grade limit due to reporting requirements.

2/ Use 5.4 and 94.4 as the grade limits due to reporting requirements.

Table 7 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR FLAXSEED

Grade	Minimum test weight per bushel (pounds)		Maximum limits of- Damaged kernels			
			Heat-damaged kernels (percent)		Total (percent)	
	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP
U.S. No. 1	49.0	-0.1	0.2	0.1	10.0	0.9
U.S. No. 2	47.0	-0.1	0.5	0.1	15.0	1.1

Table 8 - BREAKPOINTS FOR FLAXSEED SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade or Factor	Grade Limit	Breakpoint
Moisture	As specified by load order or contract grade	0.4
Dockage	0.99% or above	0.32

Table 9 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR MIXED GRAIN

Grade	Maximum Limits of-				
	Moisture (percent)	Damaged kernels			
		Total (percent)		Heat-damaged kernels (percent)	
		GL	BP	GL	BP
U.S. Mixed Grain	16.0	15.0	0.6	3.0	0.4

Note: There is no tolerance for U.S. Sample grade Mixed Grain.

Table 10 - BREAKPOINTS FOR MIXED GRAIN SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade or Factor	Grade Limit	Breakpoint
Smutty	15 or more in 250 grams (wheat, rye, or triticales predominates)	6
	More than 0.2% (all other mixtures)	0.05
Ergoty	More than 0.30% (rye wheat predominates)	0.13
	More than 0.10% (all other mixtures)	
Garlicky	2 or more per 1,000 grams (wheat, rye, or triticales predominates)	1
	4 or more per 500 grams (all other mixtures)	2
Infested	Same as standards	0
Blighted	More than 4.0% (barley predominates)	1.1
Treated	Same as standards	0
Moisture	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.5

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Table 11 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR OATS

Grade	Minimum limits of -				Maximum limits of -					
	Test weight per bushel (pounds)		Sound Oats (percent)		Heat-damaged kernels (percent)		Foreign material (percent)		Wild Oats (percent)	
	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP
U.S. No. 1	36.0	-0.5	97.0	-0.8	0.1	0.1	2.0	0.4	2.0	0.6
U.S. No. 2	33.0	-0.5	94.0	-1.2	0.3	0.4	3.0	0.4	3.0	0.8
U.S. No. 3 <u>1/</u>	30.0	-0.5	90.0	-1.4	1.0	0.5	4.0	0.5	5.0	1.1
U.S. No. 4 <u>2/</u>	27.0	-0.5	80.0	-1.9	3.0	0.8	5.0	0.5	10.0	1.4

1/ Oats that are Slightly Weathered shall be graded not higher than U.S. No. 3.2/ Oats that are Badly Stained or Materially Weathered shall be graded not higher than U.S. No. 4.

Table 12 - BREAKPOINTS FOR OATS SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade Or Factors	Grade limit	Breakpoint
Heavy	38 pounds or more	-0.5
Extra Heavy	40 pounds or more	-0.5
Moisture	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.5
Thin	More than 20.0%	0.5
Smutty	More than 0.2%	0.05
Ergoty	More than 0.10%	0.10
Garlicky	4 or more in 500 grams	2-1/3
Infested	Same as standards	0
Bleached	Same as standards	0

Table 13 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR RYE

Grade	Minimum test weight per bushel (pounds)		Maximum limits of -									
			Foreign material				Damaged Kernels				Thin Rye	
			Foreign matter other than wheat (percent)		Total (percent)		Heat- damaged (percent)		Total (percent)			
GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	
U.S. No. 1	56.0	-0.5	1.0	0.4	3.0	0.8	0.2	0.1	2.0	0.8	10.0	0.6
U.S. No. 2	54.0	-0.5	2.0	0.5	6.0	1.1	0.2	0.1	4.0	1.1	15.0	0.8
U.S. No. 3	52.0	-0.5	4.0	0.8	10.0	1.4	0.5	0.4	7.0	1.4	25.0	0.9
U.S. No. 4	49.0	-0.5	6.0	0.8	10.0	1.4	3.0	0.8	15.0	2.0	--	--

Table 14 - BREAKPOINTS FOR RYE SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade or Factor	Grade Limit	Breakpoint
Moisture	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.3
Light Garlicky	2 or more per 1,000 grams <u>1/</u>	1-1/3
Garlicky	More than 6 per 1,000 grams	7-1/3
Ergoty	More than 0.30%	0.10
Plump	Not more than 5.0% through 0.064 x 3/ sieve	0.5
Light Smutty	More than 14 per 250 grams	6
Smutty	More than 30 per 250 grams	10
Infested	Same as standards	0
Dockage	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.2

1/ Use 1-2/3 as the grade limit.

Table 15 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR SORGHUM

Grade	Minimum test weight per bushel		Maximum Limits of-							
			Damaged kernels				Broken kernels and foreign material			
			Heat- damaged		Total		Total		Foreign material	
			(percent)		(percent)		(percent)		(percent)	
	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP
U.S. No. 1	57.0	-0.4	0.2	0.1	2.0	1.1	4.0	0.3	1.5	0.3
U.S. No. 2	55.0	-0.4	0.5	0.4	5.0	1.8	7.0	0.4	2.5	0.4
U.S. No. 3 <u>1/</u>	53.0	-0.4	1.0	0.5	10.0	2.3	10.0	0.5	3.5	0.5
U.S. No. 4	51.0	-0.4	3.0	0.8	15.0	2.8	13.0	0.6	4.5	0.6

1/ Sorghum which is distinctly discolored shall be graded not higher than U.S. No. 3.

Table 16 - BREAKPOINTS FOR SORGHUM SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade or Factors	Grade Limit	Breakpoint
Class		
Tannin	Not less than 90.0%	-1.9
Sorghum	Not less than 97.0%	-1.0
White	Not less than 98.0%	-0.9
Smutty	20 or more in 100 <u>1/</u> grams	8
Infested	Same as standards	0
Dockage	0.99% and above	0.32
Moisture	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.5

1/ Use 19 as the grade limit.

Table 17 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR SOYBEANS

Grade	Minimum test weight per bushel (pounds)		Maximum limits of-									
			Damaged kernels				Foreign material		Splits <u>1/</u>		Soybeans of other colors	
			Heat-damaged (percent)		Total (percent)		(percent)		(percent)		(percent)	
	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP
U.S. No. 1	56.0	-0.4	0.2	0.2	2.0	0.8	1.0	0.2	10.0	1.6	1.0	0.7
U.S. No. 2	54.0	-0.4	0.5	0.3	3.0	0.9	2.0	0.3	20.0	2.2	2.0	1.0
U.S. No. 3 <u>2/</u>	52.0	-0.4	1.0	0.5	5.0	1.2	3.0	0.4	30.0	2.5	5.0	1.6
U.S. No. 4 <u>3/</u>	49.0	-0.4	3.0	0.9	8.0	1.5	5.0	0.5	40.0	2.7	10.0	2.3

- 1/ Use 10.9, 20.9, 30.9, and 40.9 as grade limits due to reporting requirements.
- 2/ Soybeans which are purple mottled or stained shall not grade higher than U.S. No. 3.
- 3/ Soybeans which are materially weathered shall not grade higher than U.S. 4.

Table 18 - BREAKPOINTS FOR SOYBEAN SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade or Factor	Grade Limit	Breakpoint
Garlicky	5 or more per <u>1/</u> 1,000 grams	2
Infested	Same as standards	0
Soybeans of other colors	Not more than 10.0%	2.3
Moisture	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.3
Oil	As specified by contract or load order grade	NA <u>2/</u>
Protein	As specified by contract or load order grade	NA <u>2/</u>

- 1/ Use 4-2/3 as the grade limit.
- 2/ Breakpoints are not established for oil and protein. Certificate the average of the sublots loaded. Material portions occur only when the contract or load order specifies a limit per subplot and that limit is exceeded.

Table 19 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR SUNFLOWER SEED

Grade	Minimum test weight per bushel (pounds)		Maximum limits of-					
			Damaged Sunflower Seed				Dehulled seed (percent)	
			Heat- damaged (percent)		Total (percent)			
			GL	BP	GL	BP		
U.S. No. 1	25.0	-0.5	0.5	0.4	5.0	1.3	5.0	1.3
U.S. No. 2	25.0	-0.5	1.0	0.6	10.0	1.8	5.0	1.3

Table 20 - BREAKPOINTS FOR SUNFLOWER SEED SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade or Factor	Grade Limit	Breakpoint
Moisture	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.5
Foreign Material	1.25% and less	0.27
	1.26% and above	0.39
Admixture	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.6

Table 21 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR TRITICALE

Grade	Minimum test weight per bushel	Maximum limits of-												
		Damaged kernels				Foreign material				Shrunken and broken kernels	Defects 3/			
		Heat-damaged		Total 1/	Material other than wheat or rye		Total 2/							
		(pounds)	(percent)		(percent)	(percent)		(percent)						
	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP		
U.S. No. 1	48.0	-0.5	0.2	0.1	2.0	0.8	1.0	0.4	2.0	0.6	5.0	0.8	5.0	1.3
U.S. No. 2	45.0	-0.5	0.2	0.1	4.0	1.1	2.0	0.5	4.0	0.9	8.0	0.8	8.0	1.3
U.S. No. 3	43.0	-0.5	0.5	0.4	8.0	1.5	3.0	0.6	7.0	1.2	12.0	1.6	12.0	2.3
U.S. No. 4	41.0	-0.5	3.0	0.8	15.0	2.0	4.0	0.8	10.0	1.4	20.0	2.3	20.0	2.3

^{1/} Includes heat-damaged kernels.

^{2/} Includes material other than wheat or rye.

^{3/} Defects includes damaged kernels (total), foreign material (total), and shrunken and broken kernels. The sum of these three factors may not exceed the limit for defects for each numerical grade.

Table 22 - BREAKPOINTS FOR TRITICALE SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade or Factor	Grade Limit	Breakpoint
Garlicky	2 or more per ^{1/} 1,000 grams	1-1/3
Ergoty	More than 0.10%	0.1
Smutty	More than 14 per 250 grams	6
Infested	Same as standards	0
Dockage	0.99% or above	0.32
Moisture	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.5

^{1/} Use 1-2/3 as the grade limit.

Table 23 - GRADE LIMITS (GL) AND BREAKPOINTS (BP) FOR WHEAT

Grade	Minimum limits of-				Maximum limits of-					
	Test weight per bushel				Damaged kernels				Foreign material	
	Hard Red Spring wheat or White Club wheat <u>1/</u>		All other classes and subclasses		Heat-damaged kernels <u>2/</u>		Total <u>3/</u>			
	(pounds)		(pounds)		(percent)		(percent)			
	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP
U.S. No. 1	58.0	-0.3	60.0	-0.3	0.2	0.2	2.0	1.0	0.4	0.2
U.S. No. 2	57.0	-0.3	58.0	-0.3	0.2	0.2	4.0	1.5	0.7	0.3
U.S. No. 3	55.0	-0.3	56.0	-0.3	0.5	0.3	7.0	1.9	1.3	0.4
U.S. No. 4	53.0	-0.3	54.0	-0.3	1.0	0.4	10.0	2.3	3.0	0.6
U.S. No. 5	50.0	-0.3	51.0	-0.3	3.0	0.7	15.0	2.7	5.0	0.7

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Grade	Maximum limits of-							
	Shrunken and broken kernels		Defects <u>4/</u>		Wheat of other classes <u>5/</u>			
					Contrasting classes		Total <u>6/</u>	
	(percent)		(percent)		(percent)		(percent)	
	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP	GL	BP
U.S. No. 1	3.0	0.3	3.0	0.7	1.0	0.7	3.0	1.6
U.S. No. 2	5.0	0.4	5.0	0.9	2.0	1.0	5.0	2.1
U.S. No. 3	8.0	0.5	8.0	1.2	3.0	1.3	10.0	2.9
U.S. No. 4	12.0	0.6	12.0	1.4	10.0	2.3	10.0	2.9
U.S. No. 5	20.0	0.7	20.0	1.5	10.0	2.3	10.0	2.9

1/ Use when HRS or WHCB predominate in Mixed wheat.

2/ Use an analytical portion of approximately 66 grams for Durum wheat.

3/ Use an analytical portion of approximately 20 grams for Durum wheat. Includes heat-damaged kernels.

4/ Defects include DKT, FM, and SHBN. The sum of these three factors may not exceed the limit for defects for each numerical grade.

5/ Use an analytical portion of approximately 20 grams for Durum wheat. Unclassed wheat may contain not more than 10.0 percent WOCL.

6/ Includes contrasting classes.

Table 24 - BREAKPOINTS FOR WHEAT SPECIAL GRADES AND FACTORS

Special Grade or Factor		Grade Limit	Breakpoint
Moisture		As specified by contract or load order grade	0.3
Garlicky		More than 2 per 1,000 grams	1-1/3
*	Light Smutty	More than 5 smut balls per 250 grams	3
	Smutty	More than 30 smut balls per 250 grams	10
	Infested	Same as standards	0
*	Ergoty	More than 0.05%	0.03
	Treated	Same as standards	0
*	Dockage	As specified by contract or load order grade	0.2
Protein		As specified by contract or load order grade	0.5
<u>Class</u> <u>Subclass</u>			
Hard Red Spring	DNS	75% or more DHV <u>1/</u>	-5.0
	NS	25% or more DHV but <u>2/</u> less than 75% DHV	-5.0
Durum	HADU	75% or more HVAC <u>1/</u>	-5.0
	ADU	60% or more HVAC but <u>3/</u> less than 75% of HVAC	-5.0
Soft White	SWH	Not more than 10% <u>4/</u> White Club wheat	2.0
	WHCB	Not more than 10% of <u>4/</u> other Soft White wheat	2.0
	WWH	More than 10% WHCB <u>5/</u> and more than 10% of other Soft White wheat	-3.0 -3.0

1/ Use 74.5 as the grade limit due to reporting requirements.

2/ Use 24.5 and 74.4 as the grade limits due to reporting requirements.

3/ Use 59.5 and 74.4 as the grade limits due to reporting requirements.

4/ Use 10.4 as the grade limit due to reporting requirements.

* 5/ Use 10.5 as the grade limit due to reporting requirements.

TABLE 25 - BREAKPOINTS FOR DOUBLE PORTION SIZES AND COMPONENT SAMPLE INSPECTIONS FOR FACTORS EXPRESSED IN TENTHS ^{1/}

Normal Breakpoint	Double Portion or 2 Components	Number of Components per Sublot			
		<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
0.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
1.1	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
1.2	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
1.3	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
1.4	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
1.5	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
1.6	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
1.7	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
1.8	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
1.9	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8
2.0	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8
2.1	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9
2.2	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9
2.3	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9
2.4	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0
2.5	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0
2.6	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1
2.7	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1
2.8	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1
2.9	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2
3.0	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2
5.0	3.5	2.9	2.5	2.2	2.0

^{1/} Using Tables 1 - 24, find the normal breakpoint value for the factor which is determined on a larger portion size or on a component sample basis. Find the adjusted (reduced) breakpoint value based on the normal breakpoint value.

TABLE 26 - BREAKPOINTS FOR DOUBLE PORTION SIZES AND COMPONENT SAMPLE INSPECTIONS FOR FACTORS EXPRESSED IN HUNDREDTHS ^{1/}

Normal Breakpoint	Double Portion or 2 Components	Number of Components per Sublot			
		<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
0.04	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02
0.06	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02
0.10	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04
0.13	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.05
0.19	0.13	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.08
0.20	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.08
0.23	0.16	0.13	0.12	0.10	0.09
0.27	0.19	0.16	0.14	0.12	0.11
0.32	0.23	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.13
0.39	0.28	0.23	0.20	0.17	0.16
0.47	0.33	0.27	0.24	0.21	0.19

TABLE 27 - BREAKPOINTS FOR DOUBLE PORTION SIZES AND COMPONENT SAMPLE INSPECTIONS FOR FACTORS EXPRESSED AS COUNTS ^{1/}

Normal Breakpoint	Double Portion or 2 Components	Number of Components per Sublot			
		<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
1 - 1/3	1	1	1	2/3	2/3
2	1	1	1	1	1
2 - 1/3	1 - 2/3	1 - 1/3	1 - 1/3	1	1
6	4	4	3	3	2
7 - 1/3	5 - 1/3	4 - 1/3	3 - 2/3	3 - 1/3	3
8	6	5	4	4	3
10	7	6	5	5	4

^{1/} Using Tables 1 - 24, find the normal breakpoint value for the factor which is determined on a larger portion size or on a component sample basis. Find the adjusted (reduced) breakpoint value based on the normal breakpoint value.

TABLE 28 - STARTING VALUES (SV) 1/

Expressed in Hundredths		Expressed in Tenths		Expressed as Counts	
Breakpoint	SV	Breakpoint	SV	Breakpoint	SV
0.01	0	0.1	0	1 - 1-1/3	0
.02 - .04	.01	.2 - .4	.1	1-2/3 - 4	1
.05 - .07	.02	.5 - .7	.2	5 - 7	2
.08 - .10	.03	.8 - 1.0	.3	8 - 10	3
.11 - .13	.04	1.1 - 1.3	.4		
.14 - .16	.05	1.4 - 1.6	.5		
.17 - .19	.06	1.7 - 1.9	.6		
.20 - .22	.07	2.0 - 2.2	.7		
.23 - .25	.08	2.3 - 2.5	.8		
.26 - .28	.09	2.6 - 2.8	.9		
.29 - .31	.10	2.9 - 3.1	1.0		
.32 - .34	.11	3.2 - 3.4	1.1		
.35 - .37	.12	3.5 - 3.7	1.2		
.38 - .40	.13	3.8 - 4.0	1.3		
		4.1 - 4.3	1.4		
		4.4 - 4.6	1.5		
		4.7 - 4.9	1.6		
		5.0 - 5.2	1.7		

1/ A starting value is needed for each grading factor examined during loading. Starting values are based on the breakpoint value. To find the starting value for a given factor, first determine the breakpoint value for that factor in Tables 1 - 27. Then find its corresponding starting value in the table below. If the breakpoint value is negative, the starting value is also negative. There is no starting value when the breakpoint value is "0" or when the factor does not have a breakpoint value.

TABLE 29 - MATERIAL ERROR TABLE FOR FACTORS WITH BREAKPOINTS ^{1/}

Expressed in Hundredths		Expressed in Tenths		Expressed as Counts	
BP	Acceptable Avg. Range	BP	Acceptable Avg. Range	BP	Acceptable Avg. Range
.02	+/- 0.02	.1	+/- 0.1	2/3	1
.03	+/- 0.04	.2	+/- 0.2	1	1-1/3
.04	+/- 0.05	.3	+/- 0.4	1-1/3	2
.05	+/- 0.07	.4	+/- 0.5	1-2/3	2-1/3
.06	+/- 0.08	.5	+/- 0.7	2	3
.07	+/- 0.09	.6	+/- 0.8	2-1/3	3-1/3
.08	+/- 0.11	.7	+/- 0.9	2-2/3	3-2/3
.09	+/- 0.12	.8	+/- 1.1	3	4-1/3
.10	+/- 0.14	.9	+/- 1.2	3-1/3	4-2/3
.11	+/- 0.15	1.0	+/- 1.4	3-2/3	5
.12	+/- 0.16	1.1	+/- 1.5	4	5-2/3
.13	+/- 0.18	1.2	+/- 1.6	4-1/3	6
.14	+/- 0.19	1.3	+/- 1.8	4-2/3	6-2/3
.15	+/- 0.21	1.4	+/- 1.9	5	7
.16	+/- 0.22	1.5	+/- 2.1	5-1/3	7-2/3
.17	+/- 0.24	1.6	+/- 2.2	5-2/3	8
.18	+/- 0.25	1.7	+/- 2.4	6	8-2/3
.19	+/- 0.26	1.8	+/- 2.5	6-1/3	9
.20	+/- 0.28	1.9	+/- 2.6	6-2/3	9-1/3
.21	+/- 0.29	2.0	+/- 2.8	7	10
.22	+/- 0.31	2.1	+/- 2.9	7-1/3	10-1/3
.23	+/- 0.32	2.2	+/- 3.1	7-2/3	11
.24	+/- 0.33	2.3	+/- 3.2	8	11-1/3
.25	+/- 0.35	2.4	+/- 3.3	9	12-2/3
.26	+/- 0.36	2.5	+/- 3.5	10	14
.27	+/- 0.38	2.6	+/- 3.6		
.28	+/- 0.39	2.7	+/- 3.8		
.29	+/- 0.41	2.8	+/- 3.9		
.32	+/- 0.45	2.9	+/- 4.1		
.33	+/- 0.47	3.0	+/- 4.2		
.39	+/- 0.55	3.5	+/- 4.9		
.47	+/- 0.66	5.0	+/- 7.1		

^{1/} Using the factor breakpoint value, find the acceptable deviation range for averaging. If the difference between inspection results is within the acceptable range limit, the review inspection result is averaged with the preceding result. If the difference between inspection results is larger than the acceptable range limit, the review inspection result replaces the previous result.

TABLE 30 - MATERIAL ERROR TABLE FOR FACTORS WITHOUT BREAKPOINTS

DAMAGED KERNELS 1/					SAMPLE GRADE FACTORS 2/
Contract Limit (%)	Wheat Sorghum Triticale	Corn Barley	Soybeans Oats Flaxseed	Sunflower Rye	
(Acceptable Average Range)					
0.0	+/- 0.3	+/- 0.2	+/- 0.2	+/- 0.3	Sample grade factors (i.e., FSUB, stones, etc.) are always averaged.
0.1	+/- 0.4	+/- 0.2	+/- 0.2	+/- 0.3	
0.2	+/- 0.4	+/- 0.3	+/- 0.3	+/- 0.5	
0.3	+/- 0.6	+/- 0.5	+/- 0.4	+/- 0.5	
0.4	+/- 0.6	+/- 0.5	+/- 0.4	+/- 0.7	
0.5	+/- 0.8	+/- 0.6	+/- 0.5	+/- 0.7	
0.6	+/- 0.8	+/- 0.6	+/- 0.5	+/- 0.7	
0.7	+/- 0.8	+/- 0.7	+/- 0.6	+/- 0.8	
0.8	+/- 1.0	+/- 0.7	+/- 0.6	+/- 0.8	
0.9	+/- 1.0	+/- 0.7	+/- 0.7	+/- 0.8	
1.0	+/- 1.0	+/- 0.8	+/- 0.7	+/- 1.0	

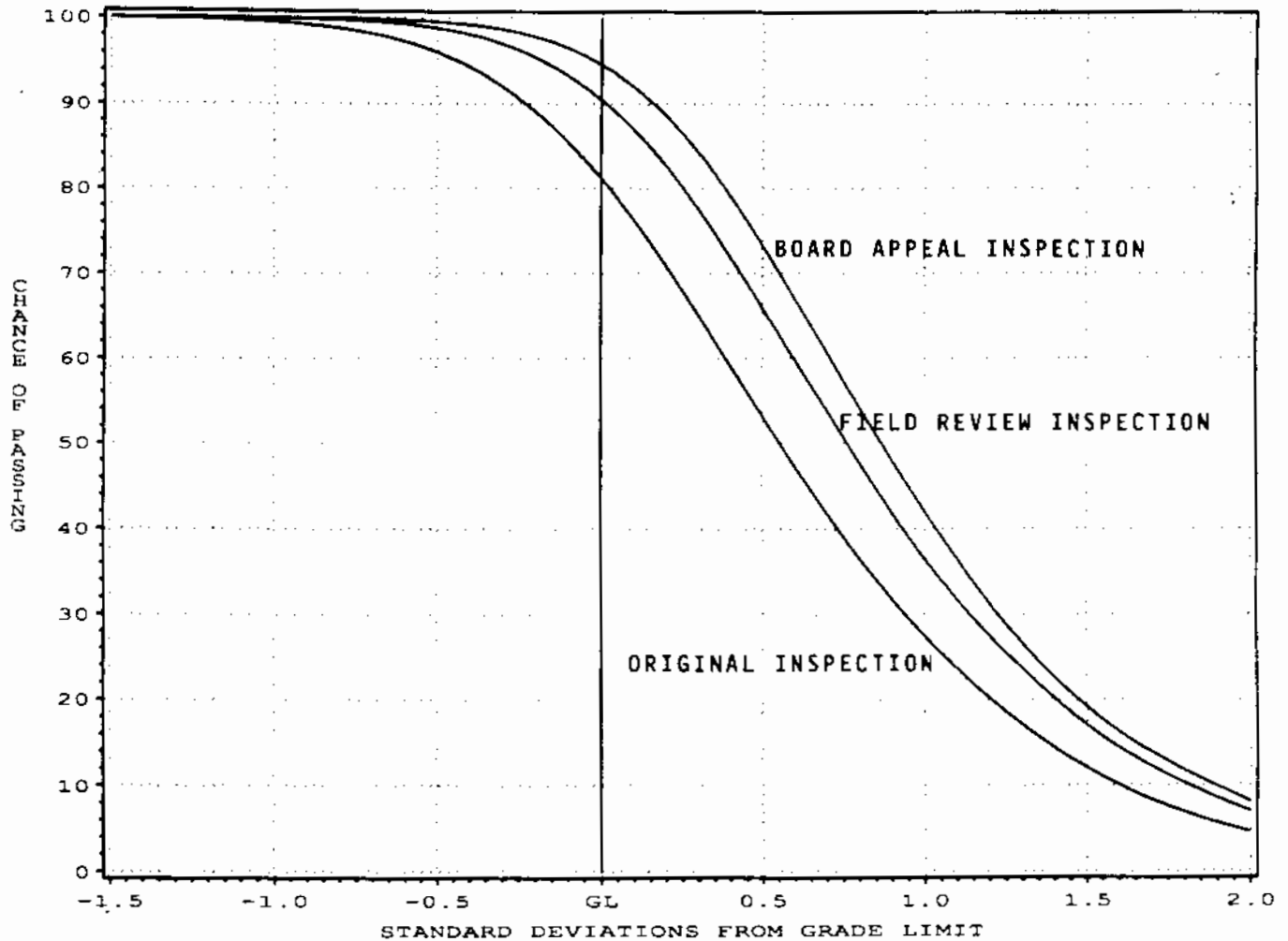
1/ Using the contracted limit for special damage factors that do not have breakpoints (i.e., scab damage, mold damage, sprout damage, etc.), find the acceptable deviation range for averaging. If the difference between inspection results is within the acceptable range limit, the review inspection result is averaged with the preceding result. If the difference between inspection results is larger than the acceptable range limit, the review inspection result replaces the previous result.

2/ Sample grade factors do not have breakpoints and are always averaged with the preceding result.

EXAMPLE INSPECTION LOG

SUBLOT NO.	TW		DRT		FM		REMARKS
	54.0	$\frac{-0.4}{.1}$	3.0	$\frac{0.9}{.3}$	2.0	$\frac{0.3}{.1}$	
1	55.1	0	2.9	.2	2.0	.1	
2	53.8	-.2	2.7	0	2.2	.3	
7 MP-1	54.7	0	3.7	.7	2.2	$\frac{.5}{.3}$	APPLICANT REQUESTS FIELD REVIEW (REX) OF MP-1.
FIELD REVIEW							
MP-1	54.0	—	2.4	—	2.0	—	
REX							
MP-1	54.0	-.2	2.4	0	2.1	$\frac{.4}{.3}$	FIELD REVIEW DOES NOT ELIMINATE MP, APPLICANT ELECTS TO DISCHARGE MP-1.
3	53.9	-.3	2.2	0	1.8	.1	
4	54.1	-.2	2.8	0	1.9	0	
5	54.8	0	3.2	.2	2.1	.1	
6	54.4	0	3.0	.2	2.2	.3	
7 MP-2	54.0	0	2.8	0	2.2	$\frac{.5}{.3}$	APPLICANT REQUESTS FIELD REVIEW (REX) OF MP-2
FIELD REVIEW							
MP-2	54.2	—	3.3	—	1.9	—	
REX							
MP-2	54.1	0	3.1	.3	2.1	$\frac{.4}{.3}$	FIELD REVIEW DOES NOT ELIMINATE MP, APPLICANT REQUESTS BOARD APPEAL.
BAR REVIEW							
MP-2	54.1	—	3.0	—	1.9	—	
BAR 7							
MP-2	54.1	0	3.1	.3	2.0	.3	BAR REVIEW ELIMINATES MP.

GENERAL OPERATING CHARACTERISTIC CURVE
FOR THE SHIPLLOT INSPECTION PLAN



The general operating characteristic (OC) curve describes what the inspection plan will do for a given target at which an elevator operates. The use of standard deviation values on the horizontal axis makes the curve applicable to all grains, factors, and grades.

To read the OC curve, determine the "proper" standard deviation and read the process target value on the horizontal scale. Go up to the curve and then over to the vertical axis. The numbers on the vertical axis give the chance of a subplot being accepted for the target value and factor under consideration. Alternately, the numbers of the vertical axis can be interpreted as the percentage of sublots that would be accepted as meeting the grade for the specific factor and process target value.

As an example, an elevator is loading U.S. No. 2 soybeans and is targeting foreign material around 1.9%. What percent of sublots loaded will be accepted as U.S. No. 2 soybeans? (Assume the proper standard deviation for foreign material is 0.2% for U.S. No. 2 soybeans.)

1. Determine how many standard deviations 1.9% is from the grade limit (2.0%).
 - a. $1.9\% - 2.0\% = -0.1\%$ difference from grade limit
 - b.
$$\frac{-0.1\% \text{ difference}}{0.2\% \text{ standard deviation}} = -0.5 \text{ standard deviations}$$
 - c. Therefore, 1.9% is -0.5 standard deviations from the 2.0% grade limit.
2. Find where the OC curve crosses -0.5 standard deviations.
3. From this point, read across to the vertical axis to determine the chance of passing.

If a shipper is targeting at 1.9% foreign material, approximately 96% of the sublots offered for inspection will be accepted on the original inspection. Approximately 99% will be accepted on the field review if a material portion occurs.

Regardless of grain, factor, or grade, if a shipper targets at the grade limit, approximately 81% of the sublots offered for inspection will be accepted for that factor on the original inspection. Approximately 90% are accepted after the field review of a material portion.

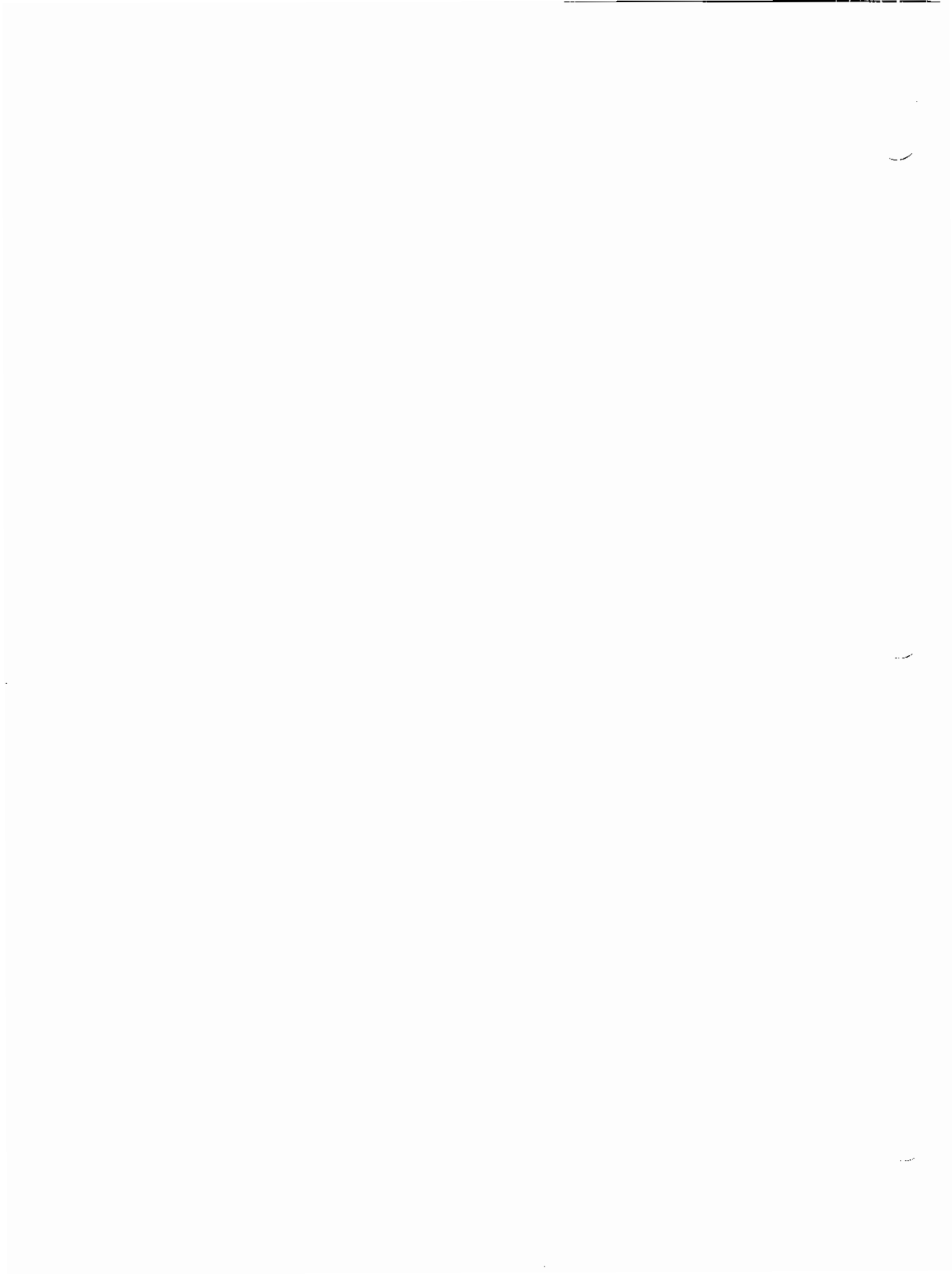
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CERTIFICATION OF SHIPLOTS, UNIT TRAINS, AND LASH BARGES

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3.1
INTRODUCTION

This chapter establishes procedures for certificating shiplots, unit trains, and lash barges.

Two certification options (Option 1 and Option 2) are available for grain loaded or unloaded from shiplots, unit trains, and lash barges. Under Option 1, the lot offered for inspection is certificated as being a specific U.S. grade. Under Option 2, the lot offered for inspection is certificated as being equal or better in quality than the grade specified by the contract.

Prior to the inspection of a lot, the applicant shall declare the certification option desired. If a request for a specific certification option is not received by official personnel, check with the applicant to determine what certification option is desired. The applicant may change the certification option any time before the issuance of the certificate.

Special certification procedures are also discussed for dockage, wheat subclass, wheat protein, and soybean oil and protein.

3.2
OPTION 1
CERTIFICATION

A. Determining Uniformity. A lot that is uniform in quality for the declared grade under the inspection plan is certificated as a single lot provided the average quality meets contracted grade. If the lot presented for inspection is not uniform in quality for the declared grade, each portion is certificated separately according to quality.

A lot is considered not uniform in quality if:

1. The weighted or mathematical average of the lot is inferior to the declared quality.

2. The lot contains a material portion as determined by the inspection plan.

3. A better grade prevails but the lot is not uniformly loaded for the better grade after reapplying the inspection plan.

If a load order grade is not received for the lot, determine uniformity based on the average quality of the grain in the lot. If the lot is not uniformly loaded for the average quality of the lot, the applicant may request separate certification of the material portions or request a determination for uniformity for the next lower grade.

B. Certification of Uniform Lots. If a lot is uniform in quality, the grade of the lot is based on the applicable weighted or mathematical average of the subplot results. Compare the weighted or mathematical average to the declared grade before assigning the grade. Based on this comparison, certificate the lot according to the following procedure:

1. Certificate the lot according to the weighted or mathematical average if the grade of the lot, as indicated by the weighted or mathematical average, is the same as the declared grade.

Example:

Load Order Grade - U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn

Weighted/Mathematical Average Grade:
U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn.

Lot is uniformly loaded for U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn.

Certification: U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn

2. The grade of the lot, as determined by the weighted or mathematical average, is better than the declared grade.

- a. Better grade prevails during loading. When a better grade prevails during loading (over 50 percent of the lot, by weight, is of a better grade than the declared grade), the inspection plan is reapplied in chronological order to determine if the lot is uniform for the better grade. If the lot is uniform for the better grade, certificate the lot for the better grade.

Example Log:

Load Order Grade - U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn

<u>Sublot</u>	<u>Quantity (bu.)</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>BCFM (%)</u>	<u>DKT (%)</u>
1	40,000	2YC	2.3	3.7
2	40,000	2YC	2.7	4.0
3	40,000	2YC	2.6	4.3
4	40,000	3YC	*3.2	4.2
5	40,000	2YC	2.3	4.5
6	40,000	3YC	2.6	*5.7
7	40,000	2YC	2.5	5.0
8	40,000	2YC	2.6	4.9
9	40,000	2YC	2.4	4.7
10	40,000	2YC	2.6	4.7
11	40,000	2YC	2.5	4.8
<u>Weighted Average:</u>		2YC	2.3	4.6

* Exceeds the grade limit for U.S. No. 2, but is within the breakpoint.

Procedure: Reapply the tolerances for U.S. No. 2.

Certification: Certificate lot as U.S. No. 2 Yellow corn.

b. Load order grade prevails during loading. When the weighted/mathematical average indicates that a better grade should apply, but the load order grade prevails during loading (over 50 percent of the lot, by weight, is the same grade as the load order grade), certificate the lot for the load order grade. A lot is not uniform for a better quality grade when the load order grade prevailed during loading.

Since, in this situation, the grade shown on the grade line does not correspond with the factor averages, the following statement is shown in the remarks section of the certificate:

"The above grade of (grade certificated) prevailed during loading. However, the lot would have graded (average grade) based on the average of the subplot results."

Example:

Load Order Grade - U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn

Entire lot grades U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn

60% account BCFM

40% account DKT

Weighted/Mathematical Average Grade:

U.S. No. 2 Yellow corn.

Lot is not uniform for U.S. No. 2 Yellow corn.

Prevailing grade: U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn

Certification: U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn

(Use actual average results
reported on inspection log.)

C. Certification of Non-Uniform Lots.

1. The grade of the lot, as determined by the weighted/mathematical average, is inferior to the declared grade. Because of loading tolerances, a lot can sometimes meet the requirements of the inspection plan, but the final factor averages are inferior to the factor limits for the declared grade. The lot is not considered uniform in quality if this occurs. Separate certificates are issued for each portion (sublot) by grade.

2. A better grade prevails during loading but the lot is not uniform to it. When the lot is not uniform for the better grade, as determined by the established procedures, all portions (sublots) of the lot are certificated separately, by grade.

Example Log:

Load Order Grade - U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn

<u>Sublot</u>	<u>Quantity (bu.)</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>BCFM (%)</u>	<u>DKT (%)</u>
1	40,000	2YC	2.3	4.7
2	40,000	2YC	2.6	4.0
3	40,000	3YC	*3.1	4.3
4	40,000	2YC	3.0	4.2
5	40,000	3YC	**3.3	5.0
6	40,000	2YC	2.3	4.7
7	40,000	2YC	2.4	4.9
8	40,000	2YC	2.3	4.7
9	40,000	2YC	2.3	4.7
10	40,000	2YC	3.0	4.8
11	40,000	<u>2YC</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>4.6</u>
<u>Weighted Average:</u>		2YC	2.6	4.6

* Exceeds the grade limit for U.S. No. 2 and cusum value is within the breakpoint.

** Exceeds the grade limit for U.S. No. 2 and cusum value exceeds the breakpoint.

Procedure: Reapply the tolerances for U.S. No. 2.

(Lot is not uniform for U.S. No. 2.)

Certification: Issue two certificates.

One certificate for 360,000 bu. U.S. No. 2 YC

One certificate for 80,000 bu. U.S. No. 3 YC
 (Sublots 3 and 5 account BCFM)

3. Combining Material Portions. A material portion is certificated as a separate lot (or lots). When more than one material portion is found during the loading of a lot, all material portions that are material portions for the same factor and are of the same numerical grade are considered "like" material portions. Like material portions are averaged and certificated together. Only material portions of the same inspection level (reinspection, appeal inspection, or Board appeal inspection) are combined.

Example:

Load order grade: U.S. No. 3 Yellow corn

MP 1 exceeds BCFM breakpoint

MP 2 exceeds BCFM breakpoint

MP 3 exceeds DKT breakpoint

All MP's grade U.S. No. 4 Yellow corn. MP 1 and MP 2 are combined and certificated as one portion because both are material portions for the same factor. MP 3 is certificated separately because it is a material portion on a different factor.

4. Issuing the Correct Certificate for Material Portions. The type of certificate issued for a material portion depends on: (1) the applicants use of the offgrade grain; (2) whether or not the applicant requests a certificate; or (3) if official personnel deem a certificate is necessary.

If the applicant elects to leave the material portion on board the carrier, a separate certificate is issued. Use an appropriate stowage statement to identify the location of the material portion in relation to the remainder of the lot. Also show the estimated quantity of grain for each lot certificated.

Divided lot inspection certificates are not issued for the material portions or the remainder of the lot when a material portion remains on board the carrier.

Inspection certificates are not issued when a material portion is removed from the lot by discharging the carrier or returning the grain from a shipping bin. If an applicant requests a certificate or a certificate is deemed necessary by official personnel, the following certificates are issued:

a. "Out" certificate. Issue an "out" certificate if the material portion, or a part of the material portion, is removed from the carrier. An "out" certificate is issued if a part of the grain removed from the carrier is also returned from a shipping bin.

b. "Local" certificate. Issue a "local" certificate if the entire material portion is returned from a shipping bin.

3.3 OPTION 2 CERTIFICATION

A. General. When a contract specifies an Option 2 grade designation, the applicant may specifically request Option 2 certification in the load order or simply state "or better" as part of the grade designation.

Under Option 2 certification, no limitation is placed on the amount of better quality grain in the lot. When a lot meets or is of better quality than the declared grade, include the term "or better" immediately following the numerical or sample grade designation and show the weighted/mathematical averages for the factors on the inspection certificate. The term "or better" is not used when grain has a U.S. No. 1 grade designation.

B. Material Portions Under Option 2. When material portions occur during the loading or unloading operation, certification of the lot under Option 2 depends on the reasons for the material portions and whether or not the material portions are removed from the lot.

1. Material Portion Removed from Lot. When a material portion is removed from the lot, certificate the material portion (if requested or deemed necessary by official personnel) under the Option 1 grade designation. Certificate the remainder of the lot using an Option 2 grade designation.

2. Material Portion Not Removed from Lot.

a. Material portion due to grade determining factors. When a material portion exists due to a grade determining factor and it is not removed from the lot, the conditions for an Option 2 grade designation are not satisfied. Certificate the material portion(s) and the remainder of the lot using an Option 1 grade designation.

Divided-lot certificates are not issued for the material portion or for the remainder of the lot when the material portion remains on the carrier.

b. Material portion due to non-grade determining factors.

When a material portion exists due to a non-grade determining factor (i.e., dockage, moisture, and protein) and it is not removed from the lot, the portions of the lot accepted by the inspection plan are combined and certificated under Option 2. The material portions are certificated under Option 1 or Option 2 as requested by the applicant.

Material portions certificated under Option 1 are combined according to like numerical grades and like non-grade determining factors. Material portions certificated under Option 2 are combined according to like or better numerical grades having like non-grade determining factors. Like material portions for dockage and wheat protein are material portions having results within a 1.0 percent range. Other non-grade determining factors are combined by using the average factor result for certification purposes. Do not apply inspection tolerances when determining which material portions are to be combined.

Divided-lot certificates are not issued for the material portion or for the remainder of the lot when the material portion remains on the carrier.

3.4 CERTIFICATING DOCKAGE

The grain standards require the certification of dockage, as a part of the grade designation for those grains which have dockage. Therefore, procedures for the, certification of dockage, both when the percentage is not declared and when the percentage is declared, are provided. The procedures are applicable to both Option 1 and Option 2 grade designations.

It is not necessary to declare the percentage of dockage on the load order unless the percentage of dockage is specified in the sales contract.

A. Percentage of Dockage Not Declared.

1. Wheat and Rye. When the percentage of dockage is not declared, do not apply inspection tolerances. Record individual subplot dockage results on the inspection log and certificate the average of all subplot results. If the differences between the lowest and highest subplot dockage result exceeds 1.0 percent, the applicant has the following alternatives:

a. Certificate the average dockage subplot result for the entire lot and include the following statement in the "Remarks" section of the certificate.

"Sublot dockage results ranged from (lowest) percent to (highest) percent."

b. Certificate as one lot all sublots that are within 1.0 percent of the lowest subplot dockage value. Using the identical procedure, combine the remaining sublots in 1.0 percent increments.

Sublots exceeding the 1.0 percent range are not considered material portions. Therefore, the applicant may not request a review inspection of the subplot exceeding the 1.0 percent range limit. The applicant may, however, request a review inspection of the entire lot.

Example: Load Order Grade: U.S. No. 2 or better HRW Wheat

Sublot	Grade	% DKG
1	1 HRW	0.49
2	2 HRW	0.56
3	1 HRW	0.78
4	2 HRW	0.89
5	2 HRW	1.09
6	2 HRW	0.79
7	1 HRW	1.75
8	2 HRW	0.92
9	2 HRW	1.41
10	2 HRW	1.65
Average:		1.03
Range:		0.5% - 1.8%

Certification Alternatives.

Alternative a: Show average percent of dockage and use range statement.

Example: U.S. No. 2 or better HRW Wheat, Dockage 1.0%

Remarks: Sublot dockage results ranged from 0.5 percent to 1.8 percent.

Alternative b: Issue separate certificates. Certificate as one lot all sublots that are within 1.0 percent of the lowest subplot dockage value. Using the identical procedures, combine the remaining sublots in 1.0 percent increments.

Example: U.S. No. 2 or better HRW Wheat, Dockage 0.9%
(excludes sublots 7 and 10)

U.S. No. 2 or better HRW Wheat, Dockage 1.7%
(includes sublots 7 and 10)

2. Other Grains. When the percentage of dockage is not declared, do not apply inspection tolerances. Record individual subplot results on the inspection log.

Upon completion of loading or unloading, determine the average subplot dockage and apply the corresponding inspection tolerance to each subplot. If the dockage in each subplot is acceptable, as determined by the inspection tolerance, certificate the average.

If dockage results do not meet the inspection tolerance, the applicant may:

- a. Request a review inspection of the material portion;
- b. Request a review inspection of the entire lot;
- c. Unload or return the inferior grain;
- d. Receive one certificate for the portion that is uniform to the average dockage percentage and separate certificates for all other percentages of dockage; or
- e. Request that the established tolerances for a dockage average at the next highest certificate level be applied to each subplot in chronological order to determine whether the lot is uniform at that level. If there is a violation to the inspection plan for the tolerances applied under this alternative, the applicant may again choose alternatives "a" through "e."

B. Percent of Dockage Declared.

1. Wheat and Rye. When a dockage level is declared, apply inspection tolerances. Record individual subplot results on the inspection log. If the sublots are accepted by the inspection plan, certificate the average dockage percent. If a material portion exists due to dockage, the applicant may:

- a. Request a review inspection of the material portion;
- b. Request a review inspection of the entire lot;
- c. Unload or return the inferior grain; or

d. Receive a separate certificate(s) for the material portion(s). When using this alternative, material portions with different dockage levels may be combined within increments of 1.0 percent. Do not apply inspection plan tolerances when combining material portions.

2. Other Grains. When a dockage level is declared, apply inspection tolerances. Record individual subplot results on the inspection log. Certificate the lowest dockage level that meets the inspection plan. Determining the lowest level may require reapplying the inspection tolerances for a lower dockage level(s). If the lot does not meet the inspection plan for the declared dockage level, apply the alternatives shown in A. 2. of this section.

3.5 CERTIFICATING SUBCLASS

Some contracts indicate two different subclasses are acceptable for a particular class of grain. These same contracts may establish different sales prices for the grain based on the subclass certificated. Applicants may not know which subclass is available to meet a particular subclass requirement. Consequently, the easiest subclass to fulfill is generally requested by the applicant.

The following procedures are established so an applicant may request certification for a different subclass than that specified in the load order if a different subclass prevails during loading. If requested, official personnel will reapply the inspection plan tolerance for the different subclass. If the lot is acceptable for the requested subclass, that subclass is shown on the certificate.

A. Reapplying the Inspection Plan. If an applicant requests certification for a prevailing subclass other than the subclass specified in the load order, official personnel will:

1. Determine the appropriate grade limit, breakpoint, and starting value for the requested subclass.

2. Reapply the inspection plan tolerances for all sublots and material portions inspected in chronological order using the results recorded on the inspection log.

3. Determine if the lot is uniformly loaded for the specified subclass. If a material portion occurs, the applicant may:

- a. Request a review inspection of the material portion;
- b. Request a review inspection of the entire lot;
- c. Unload or return the material portion;
- d. Receive one certificate for the portion that is uniform and one certificate for the material portion; or
- e. Request certification of the load order subclass for the entire lot.

B. Certification of Prevailing Subclass. If the prevailing subclass is uniformly loaded, certificate the prevailing subclass.

3.6
CERTIFICATING
WHEAT PROTEIN

Wheat protein is inspected and certificated based on the load order request. The load order may indicate a minimum or maximum protein specification; average or ordinary protein specification; or a protein specification having an acceptable range.

If the difference between the highest and lowest sublots in the lot exceeds 1.0 percent, report the actual range using the following statement in the "Remarks" section of the certificate:

"Sublot protein results range from (lowest)% to (highest)%."

Sublots exceeding the 1.0 percent range are not considered material portions. Therefore, the applicant may not request a review inspection of the subplot exceeding the 1.0 percent range limit. The applicant may, however, request a review inspection of the entire lot.

A range statement is not shown on the inspection certificate if the load order specifies a particular range. An applicant may request a range statement if one is needed to fulfill a contract.

A special certification statement is used if the entire lot is reviewed for protein only. The statement identifies which results pertain to the review inspection and which results are from the previous inspection.

"(Protein) results based on the (reinspection/appeal inspection/Board appeal inspection). All other results are those of the (original inspection/reinspection/appeal inspection).

A. Minimum or Maximum Protein Limits. When a load order indicates a minimum or maximum protein limit, inspection tolerances are used to determine acceptable quality. A material portion occurs if the protein cusum value exceeds the breakpoint. If a material portion exists due to protein, the applicant may: (1) request a review inspection of the material portion; (2) request a review inspection of the entire lot; (3) unload or return the inferior grain; or (4) receive a separate certificate(s) for the material portion(s). When the last alternative is requested, material portions with different protein levels may be combined within increments of 1.0 percent. Do not apply inspection plan tolerances when combining material portions.

1. Certificating Acceptable Sublots. All sublots accepted by the inspection plan are combined and certificated as one lot. After accepted sublots are combined to form the lot, official personnel will determine if a range statement is necessary. If the protein range of the lot is within 1.0 percentage points, the protein range statement is not reported on the certificate unless requested by the applicant.

2. Certificating Material Portions. Official personnel may combine and certificate material portions as one lot if the material portions are "like" in quality and are of the same inspection level (i.e., original inspection, reinspection, appeal inspection, Board appeal inspection). "Like" quality includes grain having protein within a 1.0 percent range. Do not apply inspection tolerances when combining material portions. Applicants may request separate certification of material portions.

B. Average or Ordinary Protein Limits. When a load order indicates an average or ordinary protein limit, inspection tolerances are not used to determine acceptable quality. Because inspection tolerances are not used, material portions due to protein cannot occur. Applicants may request a review of the entire lot but not a review of individual sublots.

1. Certificating Acceptable Sublots. All sublots accepted by the inspection plan are combined and certificated as one lot. After accepted sublots are combined to form the lot, official personnel will determine if a range statement is necessary. If the protein range of the lot is within 1.0 percentage points, the protein range statement is not reported on the certificate unless requested by the applicant.

2. Certificating Material Portions. If material portions occur due to a factor other than protein, official personnel may combine and certificate material portions as one lot if the material portions are "like" in quality and are of the same inspection level (i.e., original inspection, reinspection, appeal inspection, Board appeal inspection). "Like" quality includes grain having protein within a 1.0 percent range. Do not apply inspection tolerances when combining material portions. Applicants may request separate certification of material portions.

C. Acceptable Protein Range Limits. When a load order indicates an acceptable protein range for the lot (i.e., minimum as well as maximum limits), inspection tolerances are used to determine acceptable quality at both the minimum and maximum limits. A material portion occurs if the protein cusum value exceeds the breakpoint.

1. Certificating Acceptable Sublots. All sublots accepted by the inspection plan are combined and certificated as one lot. A protein range statement is not reported on the certificate unless requested by the applicant.

2. Certificating Material Portions. Official personnel may combine and certificate material portions as one lot if the material portions are "like" in quality and are of the same inspection level (i.e., original inspection, reinspection, appeal inspection, Board appeal inspection). "Like" quality includes grain having protein within a 1.0 percent range. Do not apply inspection tolerances when combining material portions. Applicants may request separate certification of material portions.

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When a load order specifies minimum, maximum, or average limits for oil and/or protein, inspection tolerances are not applied. Therefore, material portions will not occur due to oil and/or protein. Applicants may request a review of the entire lot for oil and/or protein but not a review of individual sublots. The certificate will report the average oil and/or protein content of the lot.

When a load order specifies that no subplot shall exceed a minimum or maximum limit, a material portion occurs whenever the oil and/or protein level exceeds the contract specification. If a material portion exists due to oil and/or protein, the applicant may: (1) request a review inspection of the material portion; (2) request a review inspection of the entire lot; (3) unload or return the inferior grain; or (4) receive a separate certificate(s) for the material portion(s). When the last alternative is requested, material portions with different oil and/or protein levels may be combined. Do not apply inspection plan tolerances when combining material portions.

A special certification statement is used if the entire lot is reviewed for oil and/or protein only. The statement identifies which results pertain to the review inspection and which results are from the previous inspection.

"(Oil and/or protein) results based on the (reinspection/appeal inspection/Board appeal inspection). All other results are those of the (original inspection/reinspection/appeal inspection).

Unlike wheat protein, the range of oil and/or protein is not critical. For this reason, it is not necessary to certificate the actual range of the lot unless it is requested by the applicant.

A. Certificating Acceptable Sublots. All sublots accepted by the inspection plan are combined and certificated as one lot. Certificate the range if requested by the applicant.

B. Certificating Material Portions. Official personnel may combine and certificate material portions as one lot if the material portions are of the same inspection level (i.e., original inspection, reinspection, appeal inspection, Board appeal inspection). Applicants may request separate certification of material portions.

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MATERIAL PORTION REMOVAL

7.1 POLICY

This chapter establishes procedures for ensuring that material portions ^{1/} loaded aboard export cargo vessels or into shipping bins are completely removed from the lot. When a quantity of grain loaded aboard an export cargo vessel and/or into shipping bins is found to be a material portion, the applicant for inspection may eliminate the material portion by:

1. Requesting a review inspection (reinspection, appeal, etc.). If the review inspection brings all factor Cu-Sums back within their respective breakpoints, the grain shall no longer be considered a material portion.

When the review inspection does not cause the material portion designation to be eliminated, the applicant may (1) request a higher level review, (2) allow the material portion to remain on board, or (3) remove the material portion from the vessel (and/or run it back from shipping bins);

2. Allowing the material portion to remain on board the vessel. Material portions remaining on board shall be certificated as separate lots in accordance with established procedures; or

3. Removing or running back the material portion from the lot. When completely removed, the material portion shall not be referenced on the export certificate(s) representing the grain remaining on board the vessel.

When a material portion is caused by infestation, the special grade "weevily" may be removed if the grain is fumigated in accordance with established procedures.

7.2 REMOVAL OF MATERIAL PORTIONS

When the applicant for inspection elects to remove or run back a material portion, official inspection personnel shall determine if the applicant's removal efforts are successful by (1) physically monitoring the removal; (2) checking the weight of the grain discharged or run back; and (3) when the material portion is caused by odor, infestation, or the presence of any harmful material including special grade factors such as garlic and smut, reexamining the grain remaining in the stowage area(s) after discharging is complete. When the material portion is caused by an analytical factor such as FM, BCM, DKT, M, TK, or TD, the grain remaining in the stowage area(s) after discharging is completed shall not be reexamined.

^{1/} A portion of a lot which, in accordance with the shiplet inspection plan, is considered inferior to the contract grade.

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A. Monitoring Removal. Official inspection personnel shall observe the removal operation to ensure that the grain identified as the material portion is removed from the correct stowage area(s) or shipping bin(s). Shipping bins should be examined after run backs to ensure that all grain was returned to the elevator.

Official inspection personnel shall not enter the stowage area(s) prior to removal in order to locate the exact area where the affected grain is stowed. The applicant, however, shall be informed as to the general area (fore, aft, port, starboard, etc.) of the affected hold(s) where the material portion was loaded. Official personnel are required to be knowledgeable of where the lot is being loaded at all times.

B. Checking Weights. Official inspection personnel shall monitor the removal of grain from the vessel or grain run back from shipping bins, shall ensure that it is officially weighed, and report the total amount. The amount of grain shall either be replaced or deducted from the net weight of the carrier (see Chapter 1 of the Weighing Handbook). The amount removed or run back must be equal to or greater than the amount declared to be a material portion.

In Canada, official inspection personnel shall ascertain the weight of the grain removed or run back by reviewing the elevator's weigh back records.

C. Examining Grain in Shipholds. When a material portion is caused by odor, infestation, or the presence of any harmful material ^{2/}, official inspection personnel shall enter the pertinent stowage area(s) after an amount of grain at least equal to the material portion has been removed and examine the grain remaining in the stowage area(s) to ensure that all of the material portion has been removed.

1. Material portions caused by odor.

a. To examine stowage area(s) for odor, enter the hold(s) and draw pan samples from the surface of the grain. One pan sample shall be drawn from each 100 square feet of affected area.

b. Examine (smell) each pan sample apart from all other pan samples. If the subject odor is present in any of the samples, the material portion shall not be considered completely removed from the vessel, regardless of the amount of grain that has been discharged.

^{2/} For the purposes of this chapter, harmful material shall include, but not be limited to, Sample grade/distinctly low quality substances such as glass, ergotaria seeds, unknown foreign substances, and second grade substances such as garlic and smut.

2. Material portions caused by infestation or the presence of harmful material.

- a. To examine stowage area(s) for infestation or harmful material, enter the hold(s) and closely observe the surface of the grain in the affected area(s).
- b. Draw trier samples from the grain using a 12-foot (double-tubed) compartmented grain trier, when possible. A shorter trier may be used, at the discretion of the field office supervisor, if it is deemed to be more practical than the 12-foot trier. One trier sample shall be drawn for each 100 square feet of affected area.
- c. Examine each trier sample, apart from all other trier samples, by pouring the sample into a sieve with a bottom pan. Use a 8/64-inch round hole sieve for corn and soybeans, and a .064-inch by 3/8-inch oblong hole sieve for all other grains. Before sieving, examine the grain for odor and harmful material. After sieving, examine the contents of the bottom pan for infestation and harmful material.
- d. If the condition that caused the material portion designation is observed in the stowage area(s) or found to be present in any of the samples in sufficient quantity so as to cause a lot to be considered Sample grade, distinctly low quality, or weevily, the material portion shall not be considered completely removed from the vessel, regardless of the amount of grain that has been removed.
- e. If a deleterious condition (objectionable odor, infestation, harmful material, etc.) other than that which caused the material portion is found to be present in sufficient quantity so as to cause a lot to be considered Sample grade, distinctly low quality, or weevily, the grain shall be considered to be a material portion on account of that condition.

D. Material Portion Partially Removed. When it has been determined that the material portion has not been completely discharged or that the grain remaining in the stowage area is a material portion on account of another condition, the applicant may:

1. Discharge additional grain until it is determined that the material portion is completely removed; or

2. Allow the material portion to remain on board the vessel. If allowed to remain on board, the official inspection personnel shall show the following statement in the remarks section of the export certificate: "An undetermined amount of (type of grain) containing (cause of material portion) was loaded into (stowage space) and not removed."

